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JANUARY

2...John Glen Mack of Rt. 3, Elba, was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine over the holidays after members of the Covington County Sheriff's Dept. and the ABC Enforcement Division walked in on the subject apparently in the act of using the substance at an Opp nightclub.

9...A Georgia woman, originally charged with murder in the August 10 shooting death of her brother, pleaded guilty to manslaughter this week and was given a 5-year suspended sentence with four years unsupervised probation, along with a \$500 fine and an order to pay court costs. The woman, Brenda Faye Johnson, age 25, of Waynesville, Ga., was charged in connection with the shooting death of her brother while visiting relatives in Elba.

16...Johnny Glen Coleman, age 24, was shot and killed over the weekend following an argument at a local cafe, and Elba police have charged the man's father, John Frazier Coleman, age 52, in connection with the fatal shooting. Coleman allegedly shot his son in the chest with a .38 caliber handgun.

23...Roger McCourry, National Spring Chicken Festival director reports he is manning the telephone 14 hours a day with calls about the upcoming festival. Coffee County's tribute to the poultry farmers and industry will be held April 4-13.

30...The Elba Rescue Squad recently took delivery of a new \$45,000 vehicle and rescue squad captain Sonny Inman reports that the Elba Rescue Squad is now as well equipped as any in the state. With the addition of the new vehicle, the local squad now has three operational vehicles and an equipment truck.

FEBRUARY

6...The formal dedication of a portion of Highway 87 as "Neil Grantham Drive" will take place Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. at the newly-erected street sign located approximately 100 yards north of the intersection of 87 and Alabama 203. Judge Eris Paul will be the main speaker for the event, which will honor former Sheriff Neil Grantham, who was killed in the line of duty.

13...The Elba City Council met on Monday evening and instructed city attorney Mark Vaughan to begin legal work on extending the city limits. Vaughan is to draw up paper work to be signed by 100 percent of the property owners within the area to be added within the city limits and is also to prepare a legislative act to accomplish the same purpose.

24...Mrs. Helen McCollough, Elba High School's "Teacher of the Year," has been selected as one of five finalists from the state of Alabama for the Teacher Hall of Fame at Jacksonville State University. McCollough has been in the teaching profession for almost 36 years and has taught at Elba High School for the past 30 years.

27...A rural Coffee County man faces a variety of sex-related charges this week after being arrested by Coffee County Sheriff's deputies. Melvin Arnold, age 50, who lives near the Jack Community, is charged with two counts of producing obscene material involving a person under 17 years of age, and one count each of second-degree sodomy, second-degree rape and first-degree sexual abuse.

MARCH

6...Circuit Judge Sam Adams has filed qualifying papers to seek a full term as a judge in the 12th Judicial Circuit, a position he was appointed to on Dec. 19, 1984, to fill a newly-created judgeship. Adams, age 30, is the youngest circuit judge in the state and is the son of Dr. Ralph Adams, president of Troy State University.

13...Three Army aviators died Tuesday afternoon when their UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed near the Elba airport while the men were on a routine training flight. The crash happened at approximately 4 p.m. and the men died instantly as witnesses reported the craft nosed to the ground after it appeared the tail section broke off during an airborne emergency.

20...Elba residents kept a watchful eye on the rising waters of the Pea River and Whitewater Creek last week as heavy rains swelled the waters over the banks and threatened to flood low lying areas. The Pea River crested at 7.9 feet early Thursday morning, and as steady rains fell the river rose to a depth of 22.95 feet by Friday morning, an increase of over 15 feet in 24 hours.

27...The addition of a new doctor to the staff of Elba General Hospital has been announced by administrator Joe Claypool. Dr. Thomas P. Konickie will serve in the capacity of family practitioner. The new physician is from Tucson, Ariz., and plans to open his practice on March 31 in the office formerly occupied by Dr. Santa Rossa.

APRIL

3...Thirty law enforcement officers converged on homes and businesses in the Mulberry Heights area of Elba Friday evening armed with search warrants, and ended the night with nine misdemeanor charges of violation of prohibition law. Elba Police Chief John White said following the simultaneous raids that the action was in response to reports of a large amount of moonshine coming into the city. Following the raids Elba police investigator Freddie Hanchey inventoried 21 six-packs of beer, 64 bottles of beer, 21 bottles of whiskey and 17 cartons of untaxed cigarettes, and one gallon of moonshine.

10...The qualifying deadline for candidates to enter the June 3 Democratic Primary passed quietly last week with only one county race drawing more than one candidate. The lone political race will be for the Coffee County School Board, Place 2, where incumbent Preston Kelley Jr. will be opposed by Virgil Coleman.

17...A two-car accident between a VW bug and an older model jeep put both drivers in the hospital Saturday night. Wayne Nelson, driver of the jeep, and Holly Vaughan, driver of the Volkswagen, both were rushed to Elba General Hospital and then rushed to a hospital in Dothan. Vaughan underwent surgery Saturday night for internal injuries, broken legs, arm and foot, while Nelson underwent surgery Monday for hip injuries.

24...Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. officials are investigating this week a shooting incident on Sunday night, April 20, in which two shots were fired at Deputy Sheriff Billy Wayne McKinnon. The incident took place Sunday night near Thames Bridge, north of the Lee Community, when the deputy noticed a car and truck in the road and approached to investigate.

MAY

1...Several meetings were held recently with Dorsey Trailer employees to discuss economic conditions and prospects. A prepared statement from Dorsey management stated that in recent months the cost of producing trailers at the Elba facility had increased and that this increase, combined with the competitive market, had resulted in the plant operations becoming unprofitable. The statement also emphasized that each employee could play a decisive role in stabilizing jobs at the Elba plant.

8...A 36-year-old Elba man drowned over the weekend at a popular swimming hole in north Coffee County after rescuing a 10-year-old boy from a similar fate. According to authorities, Lester L.

Bundy was swimming with friends at Big Creek Saturday when a young man swimming at the hole swam out into deep water and began to drown. Bundy was able to get the young man out of the deep water, but then went under and never resurfaced.

15...The Coffee County Commission met on Monday morning and accepted a low bid of \$78,585 for resurfacing County Road 82, near the Wilkinstown Community. The road was rated as the worst in the county after a recent inspection, and repairs were needed to meet state highway department standards.

22...A 30-year-old Elba man underwent emergency surgery in a Dothan hospital Sunday night after being stabbed in the chest during an apparent fight with his 75-year-old grandfather. The stabbing victim, Reginald Williams, apparently was stabbed by his grandfather, Will C. Previtt, at Previtt's home after Williams reportedly shoved his grandfather and a fight later broke out.

29...Law enforcement officials at the Coffee County Jail in Elba are believed to have prevented an escape attempt this week that may have included plans to take hostages and free all inmates of the facility. Sheriff Brice Paul reported that jail officials had discovered 10 hacksaw blades and a complete hacksaw in a cell block at the jail and also discovered that rivets on a fire escape door and on a cell window had been sawed. Officials received a tip that the tools were in the cell.

JUNE

5...United States District Judge Myron Thompson has ordered five Alabama counties to change their election process, and includes among the five is Coffee County. The judge stated that historical evidence had convinced him that the counties originally shifted to an "at-large" election to keep black voters from electing black candidates, and added the shifts were still having its intended racist effect. The counties must change their voting methods by Jan. 1, 1987.

12...A 29-year-old Coffee County man is being held in the Coffee County Jail this week after being charged with armed robbery. The man, identified as Jackie Ray Stroup, a former inmate at Elba Work Release Center, was arrested Saturday at the Riviera Motel and charged with the robbery of an elderly Brooklyn Community woman on June 6.

19...State Supt. of Education Dr. Wayne Teague has announced results of the state's recent student testing program and the results revealed that the students tested in the Elba City School System scored above the state average in most areas. Students in grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10 were tested as part of the statewide program, and scores in grades 1, 2, 4 and 5 all ranked far above state levels.

26...The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday at the courthouse in Enterprise and agreed to allow a county man to pick up rural garbage. The man previously worked for the county's "recommended collector" which ceased operations after reportedly discovering the business was not profitable. The garbage problem in the county has been a continual one in the rural areas of the county and the commission once again vowed to aid rural residents as much as possible.

JULY

3...A two-vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon took the life of a 6-year-old child and hospitalized five members of its family, turning their vacation trip to Florida into a nightmare. The wreck, at the intersection of Highways 125 and 167, apparently occurred when a late model station wagon attempted to avoid a collision and hit a power pole that ripped the side of the car and caused fatal

injuries to the child.

10...Coffee County Commissioner Billy Paul Owens died suddenly Monday afternoon following a massive heart attack. He was 46 years old and was serving his first term on the commission at the time of his death. Owens was being transported to an out-of-town hospital after complaining of chest pains, when struck with the fatal attack.

17...President Ronald Reagan had said that he wanted to bring his tax program down home to the grass roots and that is exactly what he did when he came to the Wiregrass last Thursday. Reagan joined about 2500 others in the Dothan Civic Center for a "down home" Southern meal and patriotic entertainment before delivering his tax address.

24...A front-page story headlined "Retired Army Mule Can Now Enjoy Life At Elba Farm" told of Elba optometrist Kenneth Strong and his efforts to bring an Army mule named "Buckshot" to his farm in Elba. Strong cared for the mule while attending West Point, and requested permission to retire the mule to his farm. The story told of Dr. Strong's devotion to the animal and the trip to its new home in Alabama.

31...A tired bicycle rider lost his arm to an alligator Saturday morning when he stopped to cool off in a designated swimming area in the Conecuh National Forest. Kermit (Kim) George was biking in the area when he decided to cool off in Open Pond, a popular camping and swimming park in the forest. Minutes later he was standing in chest-deep water fighting for his life after an 11-foot alligator had grabbed his right arm. He realized that he would either lose his arm or his life and escaped.

AUGUST

7...A rural Coffee County man arrested earlier this year on a number of sex-related charges has been indicted on five charges by the Coffee County Grand Jury. Melvin Arnold, of the Jack Community, faces charges of second-degree rape, second-degree sodomy, producing obscene material involving a juvenile, first degree sexual abuse and a second charge of producing obscene matter.

14...The Coffee County School Board met in special session on Friday, August 8, in Elba and heard a recommendation from acting Supt. June Brown that Clayton Bryant, principal of Andalusia High School, be named as the new superintendent of education of Coffee County schools. The county system serves schools at New Brockton, Kinston and Zion Chapel and has been without a superintendent since the resignation of Johnny Vaughan.

21...The historic red-brick Coffee County Courthouse in Elba has long been a source of pride to residents throughout the county, and through the combined efforts of state and local officials the courthouse will soon feature a modern convenience without changing the natural beauty of the building. The courthouse will soon feature an elevator to allow elderly and handicapped residents to use the upstairs courtroom.

28...Five persons have announced plans to seek the county commission seat in the newly-created District 5 in Coffee County. On the Democratic ticket are Lee Boyd, Damascus Crittenden, Ernest Love and Mary Emma Redmon, while on the Republican ticket is B.M. "Buck" Bowdoin. The election will be held as ordered by the federal courts following a suit filed by local blacks seeking the redistricting of the county to include a district that was populated by predominantly black voters.

SEPTEMBER

4...Dorsey Trailers announced a

reduction in the Elba plant work force with 165 employees laid off at the completion of the work week August 29. The reduction in work force is due to a declining sales backlog, according to Dorsey officials, and they voice the hope that the situation is temporary and a return to normal production levels can be resumed in the near future.

11...The Elba City School Board met Thursday night and was faced with a rather bleak financial condition. The recently approved 1-cent sales tax passed by the Coffee County Commission will help, board members said, but that tax is not yet being collected and it will be at least three months before any funds are received.

18...A front-page picture captioned "Magwood Returns For Hearing" shows Coffee County Deputy Sheriff Billy Wayne McKinnon unlocking the handcuffs of convicted murderer Billy Joe Magwood prior to Wednesday's re-sentencing hearing. Magwood was kept under heavy security during his brief stay in Elba and was returned following the hearing to the state prison in Atmore.

25...The Elba City Council met Monday night with all members present and the council was presented with a stack of petitions calling for a vote on the wet-dry issue in Elba. The list contained 485 names, and Elba Mayor Bob English stated the list must contain at least 25 percent of the qualified voters living in the city limits to be legal, and if the names were determined to be legal the election could be called for the November general election.

OCTOBER

2...One of Elba's oldest and most historic downtown buildings will soon be only a memory as demolition crews continue to tear down the building at the corner of Court Avenue and Simmons Street. In 1929 the building served as a haven for approximately 60 residents when flood waters submerged the downtown area of Elba.

9...The court ordered re-sentencing of Billy Joe Magwood took place on Oct. 2 at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, and for the second time the convicted murderer of Sheriff Neil Grantham was sentenced to death in the electric chair. Magwood, age 35, showed no signs of emotion as Circuit Judge Riley Green announced the sentence during the 30-minute hearing, and the convicted murderer was quickly whisked away from the courtroom by sheriff's deputies.

16...A picture on the front page captioned "Elba Residents View Eclipse" shows an eclipse that was visible in Elba. The moon passed in front of the sun, covering up 40 percent of the sun's rays. The picture was taken by photographer Ronny Shiver.

23...Alabama Congressman Bill Dickinson was in Elba Tuesday to present a flag to the student body of Elba High School. The flag flew over the nation's capital and will replace the school's flag that had flown over the school for a number of years. The Elba Jaycees notified Dickinson about the poor condition of the school's flag, and a Jaycee representative was present at the flag-raising.

30...The Elba City Council met Monday evening and the only bit of good news got buried in the debate over the recently approved contract to a private concern to pick up the garbage and trash in Elba. The garbage problems centered around reports that Wastewater representatives had been giving estimates of monthly costs to commercial and industrial accounts that were in some cases hundreds of times higher than that currently being charged by the city.

NOVEMBER

6...The voters of Elba decided Tuesday that they didn't want the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages within the city. The vote was close, with only 36 votes separating the wet and dry. A total of 608 voters cast "no" votes, while 575 voters voted "yes" to the legalized sale. It will be 705 days before the referendum can again appear on the ballot.

13...The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, Nov. 10, at the courthouse in Enterprise and took on a new look as newly-elected commissioner Damascus Crittenden joined the group after being sworn in by Probate Judge Marion Brunson. In taking the oath of office, Crittenden became the first black member of the county commission.

20...The Elba Water and Electric Board held its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 18 at city hall and again expressed concern about the tremendous amount of water lost in both the city and rural water systems. It was revealed that in the month of October the city pumps pumped a total of 155,538,571 gallons, while only \$1,002,200 gallons were actually billed for usage by customers. The 47.92 percent loss resulted in a financial loss to the system.

27...A Pike County jury of seven men and six women deliberated for nearly four hours Thursday before announcing it could not reach a verdict in the murder-for-hire trial of LaDonna Tucker, prompting Judge Riley Green to declare the stage for a mistrial and setting the stage for a third trial in the 5-year-old murder case. Tucker was originally found guilty of capital murder for her part in the death of her husband, but a Supreme Court decision later overturned the conviction and ordered a new trial on a lesser charge.

DECEMBER

4...The loud buzzing of chainsaws cut through the early morning silence and the stares of disbelief on the faces of residents more than told the tragic story Wednesday morning as the city of New Brockton began the painful job of cleaning up following a vicious tornado that struck the Coffee County town the night before. The damage caused by the twister included 26 houses damaged or destroyed, six mobile homes destroyed, a warehouse totally destroyed and the United Methodist Church totally destroyed.

11...The Elba Tigers saw their dreams of a state football championship come to an end last Friday night atop a mountain in north Alabama as the undefeated Crossville Lions rallied to post a come-from-behind 22-10 win in the Class 3A finals. Elba finished the season with a 10-5 record, and for the second straight year finished as the state runner-up.

18...Convicted murderer Donald Ray Ard, one of five prisoners who escaped from the state prison in Atmore last June, was recaptured last week in Texas by authorities after the fugitive was arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly at a nightclub. Ard was convicted of murder in the death of Sgt. Jimmy Tucker, whose body was discovered in the charred remains of a pickup truck with a bullet wound in the head.

25...The Tom Maddox family is pictured on the front page as Elba's 1986 Christmas Family.



Brainstorms

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Christmas decorations in some homes were pretty this year. Also, we were impressed with the paper sacks and candles placed in Brookdale one night last week. We received several telephone calls about the activities in the community and rode down to see for ourselves. We were very impressed at the scene and even more impressed at the community spirit and cooperation that had to be involved for it to work. These people truly had the Christmas spirit and we salute them.

Our daughter's car still has one of those "Run Auburn Run - 17-15" stickers on the back bumper. Well, after she got home for the holidays, some of her Auburn friends added one about the "Tide Was Denied." She thinks she knows which of her Auburn friends did this but is being a sport about the whole matter and leaving the sticker in place. At least until she goes back to the University of Alabama. I suspect however that those accused Auburn fans had better keep an eye out behind them for a while, "cause she ain't one to forget.

The continuous rain did stop finally and I am so happy. I am sure my complaining last week had nothing to do with it, but the fusing made me feel good anyway.

Steroids and football players have been in the headlines recently. Especially since a number of name college players have been banned from the post season bowls. We agree with the clampdown on drugs, including steroids, but medicine given by doctors for real problems must be considered as exempt or something. Then there is the weird part of the rules that have you thrown off the team with certain drugs but not if you have been smoking pot! The schools themselves set these rules, and I will not lose a lot of sleep over them, but feel for some of the young men who might not have been given full notice of the rule changing in the middle of the stream.

It gives us a funny feeling to read of accidents that hurt or kill people, and we know it could have been us if timing was different. The gas line explosion this week at the ski resort in the Bavarian Alps in West Germany is one of those incidents. Injuries were severe, the people had no warning and there is no way they could have known something was going to happen to them. It scares us more than a little, "cause we have been there and that area is among the prettiest landscapes in the whole world.

Elba Man Injured In Coffee County Jail Following Arrest

An Elba man arrested for assault - 3rd degree by Elba police officers, was transferred to a Dothan hospital early Christmas Day after suffering serious injuries while being held in the Coffee County Jail in Elba.

David Stinson, age 32, was arrested by Elba police at 11:18 p.m. on Wednesday night, Dec. 24, at the home of his parents in Elba, and taken to the county jail by local officers. Police records show that Stinson was transported to the Elba General Hospital at 11:02 p.m. and was later transferred to a Dothan hospital at 1:45 a.m. on Dec. 25 by rescue squad.

Officials of the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. declined comment on the incident Monday afternoon and referred the matter to Sheriff Brice Paul, who was unavailable for comment.

According to family members, Stinson suffered severe injuries to the head while being housed at the jail, and upon his arrival at the Dothan hospital underwent surgery

to remove skull fragments from the brain. Stinson was reported to be alert and able to speak to family members Monday night, however, medical officials reportedly planned further examinations.

Sheriff's department officials did state the case was under investigation.

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Commission Makes Donation To Battens Fire Dept.

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, Dec. 22 at the courthouse in Enterprise and handled only routine business in a brief meeting that was attended by Santa Claus.

After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the commission opened bids on a new chair and cash register for the Circuit Clerk's office, in Elba, which is undergoing extensive renovation. Central Office Products, of Birmingham, was the low bidder on the high-back chair with a bid of \$200, while Hugin-Swede, of Birmingham, was the low bidder on the cash register with a bid of \$3,891. Both low bids were accepted and both items will be paid for by the state.

Change Of Venue Denied For Georgia Man

Coffee County Circuit Judge Riley Green has refused to grant a change of venue to a Georgia man accused of murder-for-hire in the July shooting death of a Glenwood man. Darris Easton Mullis, age 43, will be tried in Coffee County for his connection with the shooting death of James Edward Nelson, who was kidnapped from his rural home and later found shot beneath a bridge in Crenshaw County.

Mullis is charged with hiring two Georgia teenagers to kill Nelson, who was reportedly living with Mullis's ex-wife, at the time of the murder.

State Building To Be Named For Gov. Folsom

The State Administrative Building, located behind the Capitol, will be officially renamed The James Elba Folsom Administrative Building on Jan. 19, 1987.

The seven-story office building was constructed during the former Gov. Folsom's last term in office. Folsom, of Cullman, was governor from 1947 thru 1951 and from 1955 thru 1959.

The building, at 64 Union St., will be renamed in a dedication ceremony at 3:00 p.m. on Jan. 19, the same day another Cullman governor, Guy Hunt, will take the oath of office.

Fuller Kimbrell, the state finance director during Folsom's second term, is the chairman of the dedicatory committee. The committee is formed of former Folsom cabinet officers and friends.

The Alabama legislature approved the dedication of the Folsom Administration Building during the last regular session.

All the food, flowers, visits, phone calls, prayers and all acts of love were sincerely appreciated.

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Socials

Miss Vaughan Weds Mr. Harrison At Elba Methodist



Mrs. Timothy Harrison

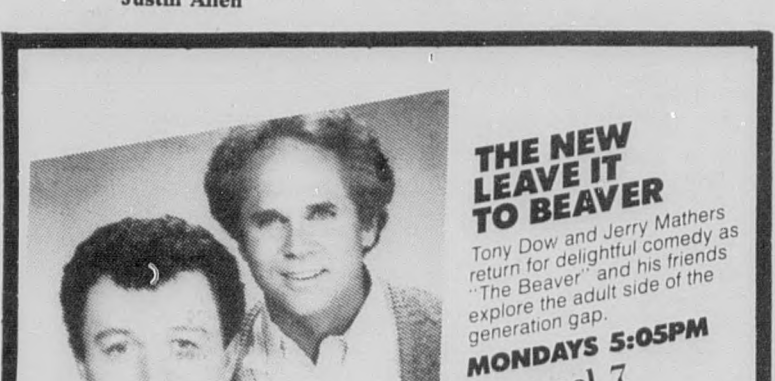
Justin Allen Is

Two Years Old

Justin Channing Allen, son of Gary and Jenny Allen of Elba, celebrated his second birthday on Monday, Dec. 29.

His grandparents are Mrs. Doris Hamm, Elba; and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Allen, Elba.

Great grandmother is Mrs. Effie Morris, Elba.



Justin Allen

THE NEW LEAVE IT TO BEAVER

Tony Dow and Jerry Mathers return for delightful comedy as "The Beaver" and his friends. The adventures of the generation gap.

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SuperStation WTBS

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Share the feelings of love when a family's grave is overthrown by the national Christmas festival of the Laverne family.

TUESDAY 4 PM Channel 20

STORER CABLE

Elba 897-3800

Whitman - Rugg Vows Spoken December 6th

Peggy Lee Whitman and Steven Ted Rugg were married Dec. 6, 1986, in a 6 p.m. ceremony at the Westside Baptist Church in Elba, with Rev. Kenneth Chancellor of Albany, Ga., performing the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Ann Whitman and the late Mr. W.H. Whitman of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rugg of the Jack Community.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. W.H. Whitman Sr. and the late Mr. Whitman of Greenville, and the late Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Barn of Opp.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Armstrong of Spring Hill and Mrs. Annie Lou Rugg and the late Mr. Ideal Rugg of Jack.

Two large pink bows, of the bride's chosen color, adorned the entrance door to the church.

Miss Sherry Kelley presided at the registry in the church foyer.

The centerpiece was an arrangement of pink and burgundy carnations and ribbons. Guests registered with a white-plume pen.

Along the choir rail of the sanctuary were Christmas ferns with miniature white lights and bows which provided the traditional holiday decorations. A Christmas tree graced the center of the church decorated with miniature white lights and hand-made pink and burgundy ornaments.

A large wicker stand with live arrangements of pink carnations and white gladioli was placed by the piano and organ. While toppling off the church decorations were tiny lighted Christmas trees located in each window.

Mrs. Pam Baker was organist and played traditional wedding music for the seating of the guests. Miss Carenia Blasi, Opp, was singing the theme from Ice Castles.

The bride, given in marriage by Mr. Gareth Lindsey, on behalf of her mother, wore a formal gown of white organza over taffeta. Silk Venice lace and pearls formed the sweetheart neckline. Matching lace and Chantilly lace, sprinkled with pearls and bridal veils, accented the fitted bodice. A row of buttons extended down the back of the bodice, below the dropped waistline. The Victorian sleeves of Chantilly lace, enhanced with Venice lace, came down to the wrist.

The full skirt was highlighted with motifs of silk Venice lace in the front, and the lace was repeated on the back of the skirt. The hem of Chantilly lace bordered the hem of the gown.

The bride chose a Derby hat for her headpiece, with a silk flower and satin ribbon accenting the crown. Chantilly lace encircled the brim, with floor-length bird illusion and satin streamers gathered to a pouf in the back.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white silk carnations and greenery centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. Kim Miller, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor, while Miss Starla Henderson served as maid of honor, and Miss Misty Miller was junior bridesmaid.

Attendants were: Miss Donna Rugg, cousin of the groom; Miss Jean Driggers and Miss Lisa Lindsey. They all wore matching tea-length gowns of pink tulle taffeta. Each gown featured Romantic pouffed sleeves, edged with ruffles at the shoulders. Matching ruffles edged the deep V-neckline and extended diagonally across the draped bodice.

The skirt was softly pleated and flowing, and a matching sash accented the waistline.

The bridesmaids carried arrangements of pink and white carnations with long, pink and burgundy streamers.

Little Misses Melissa Hope Mulaz and Christi Ann Smith, nieces of the bride, served as flower girls. They wore white lace dresses with short, puffed sleeves, and carried white wicker baskets with pink streamers.

Mr. Ted Rugg served his son as best man. Groomsman were Ron Miller, brother-in-law of the bride; Dewayne Chancellor, Don Simmons of Jack; Michael Stewart, Opp. Usher was Mr. Rugg, uncle of the groom.

Chad Smith, nephew of the bride, served as junior groomsman.

The groom was dressed in a burgundy tuxedo, pink wing-tip shirt and bow tie. He wore a boutonniere of white carnation.

The attendants wore burgundy tuxedos with pink wing-tip shirts and pink carnation boutonnieres.

Master Wesley Johnson, ring-bearer, wore a burgundy tuxedo identical to that of the groomsman.

The mother of the bride chose a street-length mauve knit dress, the draped bodice adorned with seed pearls and a white silk orchid corsage.

The groom's mother was dressed in an aqua blue silk and satin street-length dress and wore a white silk orchid corsage.

Mrs. W.H. Whitman, the bride's grandmother, chose a sea green, three-length dress and wore a white silk carnation corsage.

Mrs. Annie Lou Rugg, the groom's paternal grandmother, wore a light blue street-length dress with a jacket.

Mrs. Earnestine Armstrong, the groom's maternal grandmother, chose a royal blue street-length dress of light weight cotton. Both



Mrs. Steven Ted Rugg

grandmothers wore carnation corsages.

RECEPTION
A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church following the ceremony.

Mrs. Ann Whitman, mother of the bride, decorated the area.

The bride's table held a two-tiered round cake with bright pink flowers and four miniature swans. A silver candelabra also graced the table, and nuts and mints were served from silver compotes.

A fifth table in the hall was decorated with handmade bride-and-groom bears and white swans, while the center of the table was highlighted with a miniature white Christmas tree. Decorative bags of birdseed were placed at the table for the traditional use of guests.

For her wedding trip to Panama City, Fla., the bride chose a white silk pantsuit with hot pink accessories.

After their honeymoon, the couple resides in Birmingham.

Miss Lee To Marry Mr. McElvaine
January 31st In Montgomery

Mrs. Alene Lee of Elba announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Fredene Lee, to Lee McElvaine, son of Mrs. Bertram Lee McElvaine and the late Mr. McElvaine of Montgomery.

The bride-elect who also resides in Montgomery is the daughter of the late Fred Leslie Lee and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Bryan and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lee, all of Elba. She is employed at Baptist Medical Center and is a member of the church.

The wedding is to be held on January 31, 1987, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Frazier Memorial United Methodist Church Chapel. There will be a reception immediately following at Foxcroft Apartments Clubhouse.

No local invitations are being sent; friends and relatives welcome.

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News From Our Early Files

TEN YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 30, 1976

***Joey Hunko is at home in Kingston for a Christmas holiday. Joey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hunko, is in the service stationed in Germany, and will return after his visit.

***Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Davis were honored Sunday, Dec. 19, with a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, given by their children, Mr. and Mrs. M.V. Stokes, Andalusia; Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Davis, Elba; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frank Davis, Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Davis, Wicksburg; and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Strickland, Enterprise.

***Cynld Maddox of Elba was recently inducted into Alpha Epsilon Rho (AE Rho) at the University of Alabama. Cynld is a senior majoring in broadcast and film communication. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Maddox, a graduate of Elba High School and Enterprise State Junior College.

***Master Tom Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, celebrated his third birthday with a party at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Rea Young, on Dec. 18. Those present were Hope and Chasity Moulton, Dina Smith, Scotty Moulton, Danette and Phil Bogan, Wendy Moulton, Sharon Young, Jan. Smith, Pam Smith, Sue Bogan, Peggy Moulton, Pat Moulton, Martha Jean Davis, Anne Dempsey and Rea Young.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

JANUARY 5, 1967

***Jack Ruby, killer of Pres. John F. Kennedy's accused assassin, died Tuesday, ravaged by cancer and finally killed by a blood clot. Ruby died in Parkland Memorial Hospital, where President Kennedy had been pronounced dead on Nov. 22, 1963.

***Sgt. Joseph M. (Mac) Moore, 34, was killed in action in Vietnam Dec. 28 after 14 years in the service. Survivors include his wife, Syble; Glenda Frazier, Dept. of Human Resources' Community Resource Specialist, and Work Release volunteers helped Santa deliver toys to children in Elba Christmas week. The toys were donated by Elba citizens and repaired at Ft. Rucker. They were distributed to more than 70 children.

Inmates Team Up
With Human
Resources In
Operation Santa

[RIGHT] . . . Santa's Helpers . . .

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Follow after love, and desire the spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

It is evident from Scriptures of 1 Corinthians 12-14 that those who believe in the gifts must be careful not to make the mistake of confusing the gift of prophecy with the preaching and teaching of the Word, common to the ministry today. It is true that pastors, evangelists and teachers do prophesy. Though you have the gift of prophecy, you must understand all knowledge you are not giving. We do know the gift of prophecy is one of the nine supernatural gifts; also it is the speaking forth of a sudden revelation. Nevertheless whether prophecy is looked upon as a natural or supernatural gift, it cannot be called to the exclusion of tongues. Even so, according to the Word, God has set them both in the Church.

Each gift has its place, and if God desires to "divide them severally," He will. It is evident that "diversities of tongues" are a part of God's plan for the Body of Christ.

Also, in 1 Corinthians 14 Paul says, "Greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaks with tongues; except he interpret, that the Church may receive edifying." Paul also said in these chapters, "I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." (1 Cor. 14:23) says that if all speak with tongues they will be called mad, and contrariwise, verse 31 says that if all prophesy much blessing will result.

Still, also from verse 29 that the prophets are limited to "two or three" utterances. "Let the prophets speak two or three and let the other judge." If anything be revealed to another that is not his, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that ye may learn, and all may be comforted" (30-31).

Therefore the teaching of false doctrine saying there is no Holy Ghost or speaking of tongues must stop. For Scripture in the Word of God says "But covet earnestly the best gifts and yet show I unto you a more excellent way" (1 Cor. 12:31).

When shall tongues cease? According to the Word, "when that which is perfect is come." The Word also says tongues will continue until the Church is caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Pd. Adv.

ANSWERS TO YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS

Question:

Please explain the meaning of "that which is perfect" in 1 Cor. 13:10

BOB PRICHARD

by BOB PRICHARD

In 1 Cor. 12, Paul began a discussion of the temporary spiritual gifts, explaining in chapter 13 that love was more important in the development of the body of Christ, the church. As he closed chapter 13, Paul told the Corinthian Christians that these temporary spiritual gifts would cease when "that which is perfect" is come. He wrote, referring to the gifts, "whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away" (1 Cor. 13:8).

Paul then said, "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away" (1 Cor. 13:9-10). Paul spoke of the "part" being done away, when that which is perfect is come. The word "perfect," as used by Paul, has the primary meaning of completeness, of being finished, of being fully developed. So Paul was saying that the "part" would be done away with when the "whole" was completed, or perfect. The purpose of the spiritual gifts was to provide temporary guidance, and help to the early church. That type of guidance is no longer needed by the church today, however, because we now have the written word of Christ, the New Testament. The gifts were designed for the temporary, "in part" period, and were not designed to last until the end of time, as some suggest.

This is made clear by James. "Every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). James here uses the word "perfect" in the sense of completeness, of being finished, or whole. In this same chapter, James writes "whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed indeed" (James 1:25). James spoke of the "perfect," or "complete" law of liberty. The law Christians live by is the New Testament.

The New Testament is "that which is perfect." With the completion of the New Testament, the "perfect law of liberty," there was no longer any need for the temporary gifts, or modern revelations. God's written word is complete, finished, perfect. As Paul wrote to Timothy, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The scriptures can make the man of God "perfect," or complete, and ready to every good work.

To enroll in a free Bible Correspondence Course, or to ask a Bible question, write to Bob Prichard, evangelist, Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323. Hear "Mornings for the Master" weekdays at 6:20 a.m., 12:27 p.m., and 3:57 p.m. on WELB-AM 1350. Visit with us Sunday at the Elba Church of Christ. Pd. Adv.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

JANUARY 3, 1957

***Pete Dorsey is shown congratulating J. Smith, night watchman at the Dorsey Trailer plant, on his retirement after 10 years service.

***To raise funds for their annual Parents Night barbecue and show, the Elba FFA sells programs, soft drinks and hot dogs at football and basketball games. In charge of activities this term are Paul Hudson, Dwight Kelley, James Walker, Joel Beck, Jerry Spurlin and Carrell Bryan.

***Included in a picture at the Boy Scout Camp of Honor two weeks ago were Joe Parker, Jerome Taylor, Charlie Pierce, Clevie Taylor, Michael Fisk, Robert Russell, Roger Winston, Bert Casey, Bobby Inman, Bobby Norman, Tony Hudson, Jackie Brunson and Robert McCall.

***The McBirnie Evangelistic Party of Belfast, Ireland, came to Elba to buy a trailer from Dorsey.

***Basin School began about 72 years ago, as a one-room structure, on the old "Sod Hatter" place. It was called Mulberry because there was a large mulberry tree in the yard, and later moved to Bill Moore's place (present home of Mrs. Gordon Cain), where another building was erected. There are 62 teachers and "Miss Zola" is still the cook.

Forty Years Ago
JANUARY 2, 1947

***Charlie Edgar Marler, farmer of the Woodland Grove Community, died at Enterprise Hospital on Dec. 25. He was born in Coffee County on Dec. 14, 1902.

***Chief and Mrs. D.W. Reddick of Green Cove Springs, Fla., spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lumpkin in Elba.

***Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cook, Mrs. J.M. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Cook, Mrs. Ida Bryan visited relatives in Thomasville, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., during the holidays.

***Miss Elizabeth Fleming, who teaches in Andalusia schools, was in Elba during the Yuletide with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fleming.

***Mr. and Mrs. Dan Teel will have a family reunion at their home in Elba during the first Sunday, Jan. 5, when he will celebrate his 84th birthday.

***Karon Campbell of Columbiana visited home folks during the holidays and attended the Clark-Boyd wedding in Elba.

***Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Holloway and son Kermit have returned to their home in Elba after a visit to N.C., after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holloway and other relatives in Elba.

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION meets each Thurs. 8 a.m., Hickory Pl.

HOURLY TRUTH - WELB 1350 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 3:57 p.m. - 6:20 p.m. - 12:27 p.m. - 3:57 p.m. - Bob Prichard

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN TABERNACLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Serv. . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Dorrell & Gert Riley
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST - Larry Doster
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Choir Practice . . . 4:30 p.m.
Training Union . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS - J.L. Edgar
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Even. . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Rev. Jimmy Eddins
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. . . 7:15 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST - Charlie Campbell
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Train. Union . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST - Renda Seaton
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Larry Powell
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - George Sedberry
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Children and Youth Choir . . . 4:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Shirley Ellis
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer . . . 7:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH - Campbell Besser
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Training Union . . . 6:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:00 p.m.

Zoar Community Church - Richard & Pat Jones
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Prac. . . 4:00 p.m.
Training Union . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Outreach - Wed. . . 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Wed. . . 6:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - (Pastor) Robert Bowen
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Eld. Waymon Pryor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 12:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH - Don Peloton
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Church Training . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Faron Smith
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Services . . . 11:00 a.m.
Youth Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Home Prayer . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Donnie Earls
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST - Donnie Earls
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Church Training . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. . . 7:00 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - George Sedberry
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Children and Youth Choir . . . 4:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Kenneth Fallon
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
Training Union . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH - Richard Larson
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Prac. . . 4:00 p.m.
Training Union . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Outreach - Wed. . . 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Wed. . . 6:00 p.m.

MULBERRY HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST - R. B. Williams
Bible Study . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Dr. L. B. Baldwin, Sr.
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Sports

Elba's Richard McKinnon & Troy Sanders Named All-State

The Birmingham News, Alabama's largest daily newspaper, released its All State football teams last week and included on the list of honorees in the Class 3A ranks was Elba fullback Richard McKinnon.

McKinnon, a 5'11, 200-lb. senior, gained 1,757 yards on 276 carries this season to lead the Elba Tigers to the state championship game for the second consecutive year. He also caught 10 passes for 149 yards, giving the durable fullback a total of 1,906 yards in offense for the season. McKinnon scored 19 touchdowns in the season, and during his career gained 4,168 yards to become the school's all-time leading rusher.

The Class 3A All-State squad consisted of all seniors; however, Elba junior Troy Sanders, a 240-lb lineman, was included on the Honorable Mention list and was one of only a number of juniors to make the list. Sanders played both offense and defense for the Tigers of Coach Mack Wood and was the team's dominant force in the line.

Following is a complete list of the Class 3A All-State team:

OFFENSE

Pos., Player, School - Yr. Ht. Wt.
QB, Tommy Epperson, Oneonta, Sr., 6-1, 170
RB, Richard McKinnon, Elba, Sr., 5-11, 200
RB, Calvin Hutchins, Stevenson, Sr., 5-11, 180
RB, Billy Stockdale, Oneonta, Sr., 5-10, 205
R. Rodney White, Crossville, Sr., 6-1, 185
R. Johnny Bothwell, Ashville, Sr., 6-1, 185
L. Bob Meeks, Evergreen, Sr., 6-4, 265
L. Mike Allison, Weaver, Sr., 6-4, 245
L. Greg Russell, Lamar County, Sr., 6-0, 290
L. John Sullins, Sulligent, Sr., 6-3, 220
L. Nathan Killen, T.M. Rogers, Sr., 6-2, 215
PK, Ty Brunson, St. Paul's, Sr., 6-0, 170

DEFENSE

Pos., Player, School - Yr. Ht. Wt.
DB, Brian Brown, Oak Grove, Sr., 6-0, 195
DB, Eldridge McDonald, Weaver, Sr., 6-1, 190



Richard McKinnon

DB, Paul Carlock, Lexington, Sr., 5-11, 180
LB, Jai Eason, Crossville, Sr., 6-1, 170
LB, Jerome Henry, Lamar County, Sr., 6-3, 200
LB, Darrell Goble, J.B. Pennington, Sr., 6-1, 215
LB, Lance Brown, Moody, Sr., 5-11, 205
L. Mark Grider, Stevenson, Sr., 6-1, 240
L. Lindsey Phillips, Lexington, Sr., 6-2, 190
L. Charles Harris, Tanner, Sr., 6-2, 215
L. Willie Kidd, Randolph Co., Sr., 6-1, 190
P. Barry Smith, J.B. Pennington, Sr., 5-10, 175

The Alabama Sports Writers Association revealed its All State football team for 1986 this week and included on the Class 3A squad was Troy Sanders, a 6'4", 224-lb. offensive tackle for the Elba Tigers.

Sanders, the only junior selected to the All State squad, played on both offense and defense for Coach Mack Wood's Tigers, and on offense saw action at both tackle and blocking-back in the Elba power I.

Sanders has already been heavily recruited by major colleges and is considered one of the state's top line prospects for 1987.

Elba running back Richard McKinnon, an All State selection by The Birmingham News, received Honorable Mention in the sports-writers poll.

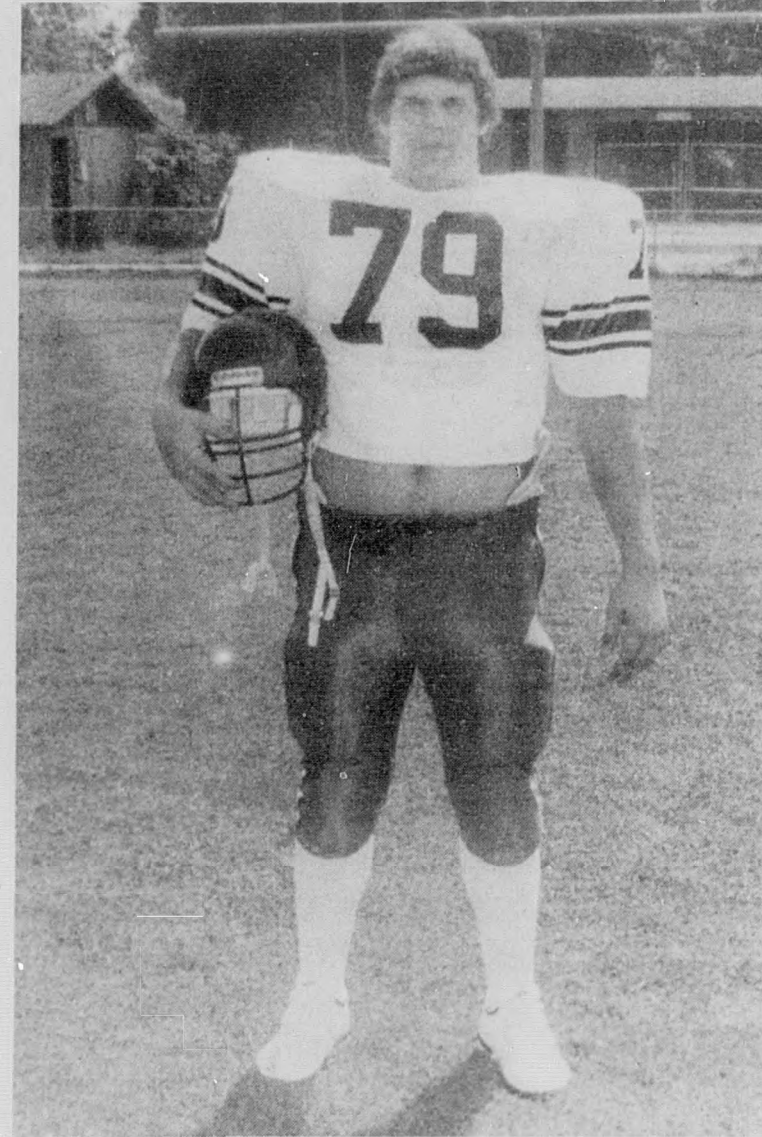
Following is a complete list of the Class 3A All-State team:

CLASS 3A

Quarterback - Greg Cash, Phil Campbell, Sr., 6-1, 190
Running backs - Mike Davis, Elkmont, Sr., 5-10, 180; Calvin Hutchins, Stevenson, Sr., 5-11, 180; Billy Stockdale, Oneonta, Sr., 5-10, 210
Wide receivers - Paul Carlock, Lexington, Sr., 6-1, 180; Brad Castee, West Limestone, Sr., 6-1, 180
Linemen - Mike Allison, Weaver, Sr., 6-4, 245; Bob Meeks, Evergreen, Sr., 6-4, 265; Greg Russell, Lamar County, Sr., 6-0, 290; Nathan Killen, T.M. Rogers, Sr., 6-2, 215; Troy Sanders, Elba, Jr., 6-4, 235
Place kicker - Ty Brunson, St. Paul's, Sr., 6-0, 170.

Defense

Backs - Brad Gray, Briarwood, Sr., 5-10, 165; Eldridge McDonald, Weaver, Sr., 6-1, 190; Rodney White, Crossville, Sr., 6-1, 178
Linebackers - Jai Eason, Crossville, Sr., 6-1, 205; Jerome Henry, Lamar County, Sr., 6-3, 200; Barry Booker, East Limestone, Sr., 5-10, 190; Walter Truss, Lincoln, Sr., 5-11, 190
Linebackers - Willie Kidd, Randolph County, Sr., 6-1, 190; Charlie Harris, Tanner, Sr., 6-2, 215; Lindsey Phillips, Lexington, Sr., 6-2, 190; Steve Anderson, Washington County, Sr., 5-9, 135
Punter - John Sullins, Sulligent, Sr., 6-3, 220
Coach of the Year - Roger Hibbs, Crossville
Player of the Year - Jerome



Troy Sanders

Henry, Lamar County

HONORABLE MENTION

Quarterbacks - Tommy Epperson, Oneonta; Phillip Foster, South Lamar
Running backs - Richard McKinnon, Elba; Eric Thigpen, Lexington; Steven Thompson, West Blocton; Mark Williams, Clements; Timmy Gibbons, Lenoire
Wide Receivers - Brett Davis, Vinemont
Offensive linemen - Doug

Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

Another Christmas has come and gone, but the holiday season is still in full swing and that means lots of fun for the kids, bowl games on TV for Dad and plenty of dirty dishes and cooking for Mom. Yep, the holidays are fun for all!

ELBA BASKETBALL TEAM TO ENTER NEW YEAR WITH MIXED EMOTIONS

The Elba Tiger basketball team got off to a slow start because of the football playoffs and struggled to a 1-4 record in pre-holiday action, including disappointing losses to Zion Chapel and Luverne. Coach Hank Kennedy's Tigers weren't expected to be a powerhouse this season after losing 9 of 10 players to graduation, but I'm sure Coach Kennedy never expected it to be this bad. Elba has a very young team loaded with sophomores and juniors and two of the sophomores didn't even play last year, making this season their first in two years. I think Elba will show improvement as the season goes along; however, I don't look for the Tigers to develop into a powerful 3A squad until all the players dedicate themselves to being the very best basketball players they can be and not just being good enough to start. The talent is there, but talent doesn't always win ballgames.

NEW BROCKTON IS HEAVY FAVORITE IN SEAC TOURNEY

The Southeast Alabama Conference Tournament will get underway next week at New Brockton and if this year is like years past the Gamecocks will definitely make it to the finals and probably win the whole thing! Coach Bobby Kinsaul has placed four straight years at the Gamecock helm with two titles and two second place finishes and this year's team may very well be his best team. In the past the Gamecocks relied on the strength of one or two players to lead the way, but this season the Gamecocks are playing as a team and everyone on the roster has shown the ability to lead the team to a win. Red Level will pose a mild threat to New Brockton in the tourney; however, the Gamecock should roll thru the event without much of a problem and continue to make the yearly tourney merely a trophy stop!

COUNTY JUNIOR HIGH TOURNEY TO EXPAND

The Elba Athletic Club assumed sponsorship of the Coffee County Junior High basketball tournament two years ago and after two very successful years will expand this season to also include a tourney for the eighth-grade teams that will be played during the junior high event. The eighth-grade teams work hard every day in practice and deserve a chance to play in a tourney, so this year they'll get their shot at being county champs and if all goes well the eighth grade event will also become an annual affair.

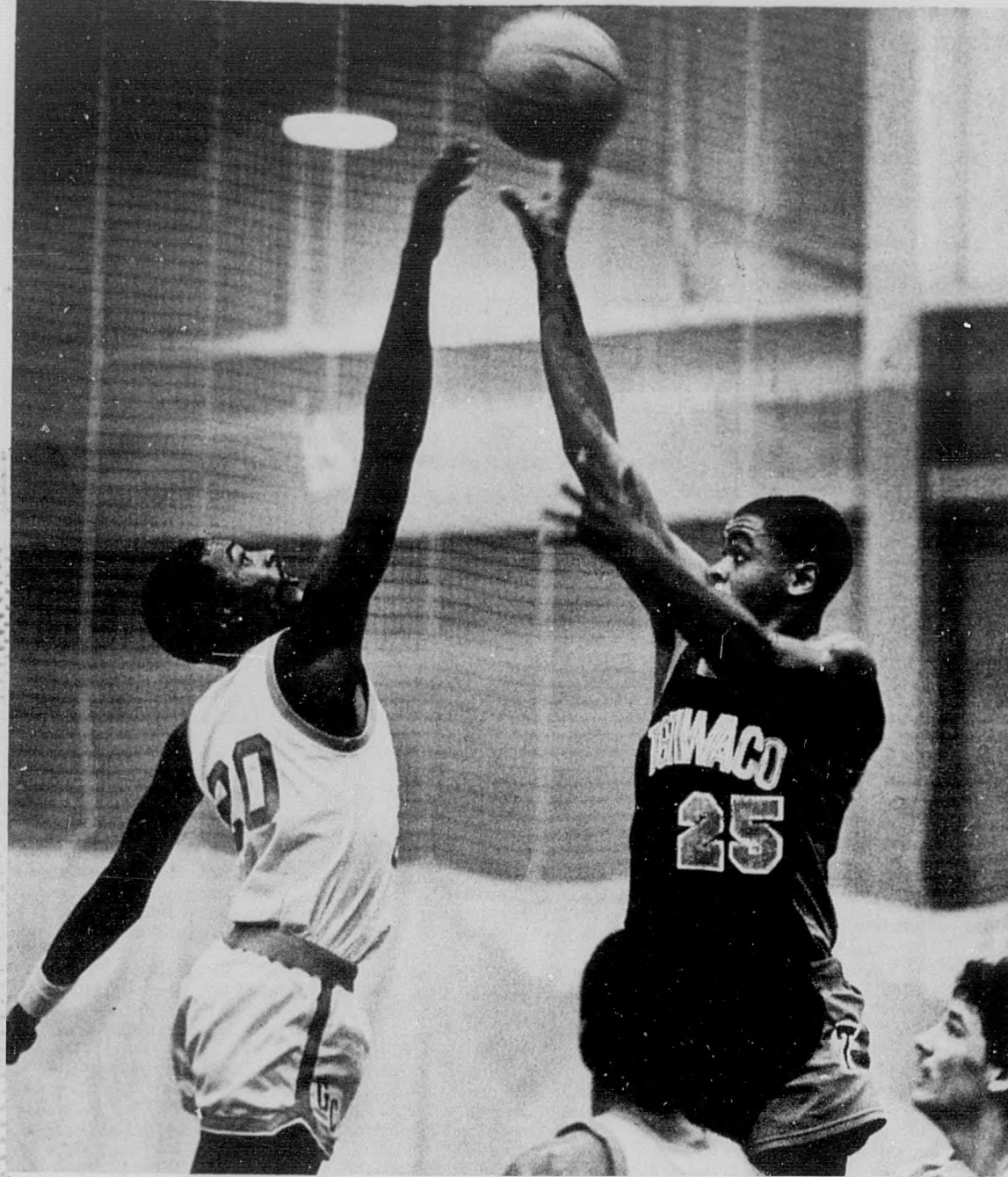
BOWL GAMES SEEM TO HAVE LOST THE LUSTER

I used to watch every bowl game that came on the tube and honestly enjoyed them all, but this year it seems like the bowl games don't offer the excitement of years past, at least to me. The Orange Bowl's matchup of Oklahoma and Arkansas looks like a mismatch, while the Sugar Bowl won't provide much interest with LSU going against Nebraska and the Rose Bowl is never worth watching anyway! I'll probably watch a couple of games, but you can bet I won't be glued to my set.

JOYOUS NEW YEAR

Time-Weather-Temperature CALL 897-5721 SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County

Elba's Kevin Goosby Continuing Basketball Career At Grayson State Junior College



GOOSBY ON DEFENSE . . . Grayson Junior College freshman Kevin Goosby (20) goes high to block a shot in a win against T.S.T.I. of Waco. Goosby is averaging over 21 points a game in the tough Texas league.

Former Elba High standout Kevin Goosby is continuing to grab the headlines this season at Grayson Junior College, in Denson, Texas, where he leads the Texas junior college power in both scoring and rebounding after the team's opening 12 games.

Goosby, an All-State selection in Alabama as a senior, is averaging 21 points a game and 8 rebounds in the Northern Texas Junior College Conference, which includes such junior college basketball powers as Midland Junior College, the nation's top ranked team with a 15-0 record.

"Kevin has matured a great deal since arriving at school," said Grayson coach Tim Williams, "and as he has gained confidence his play has improved almost nightly! Kevin is already being recruited by many four-year schools and the scouts are in the stands every night to watch him play. Kevin definitely has a future in basketball if he continues to work hard and improve."

Grayson, which is starting five freshmen, is off to a slow start this season with a 5-7 record; however, the record is no indication of just how good the Elba native has played. Thru the 12 games, Goosby has hit 110 of 248 shots (44%) and 19 of 53 free-throws (74%). He has hit 20 3-point shots and has recorded 23 assists and 18 steals. Goosby's high scoring games have been 31-point performances and in the first conference game scored 26 points and grabbed 10 rebounds from his small forward position.

"Kevin has excelled in the classroom as well as on the basketball court," stated Coach Williams, "and he has been a model student in every way. He has missed a class and posted a 3.0 grade point for the first semester on a 4 point scale, which was the highest of any freshman on the team. He is a leader on the court as well as off and his optimistic attitude has been a plus to all the players who



GOOSBY LAYS IN A TWO-POINTER . . . Former Elba standout Kevin Goosby (in white) lays in a basket in action at a recent Grayson Junior College basketball game. Goosby is leading the Texas junior college squad in scoring and is one of the top scorers in the North Texas Junior College Conference.

look to him for leadership. We are person like Kevin Goosby on our mighty proud to have a player and squad!"

AREA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JAN. 2
Semifinals of Opp Holiday Tourney 4:00 & 6:00
SATURDAY, JAN. 3
TUESDAY, JAN. 6
Elba at Clayton
SEAC Tourney, at New Brockton
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7
Samson Jr. at New Brockton (8th & 9th)



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ELBA CUSTOMERS

Effective Wednesday, December 31, 1986

The City Clerk's office at 200 Buford Street in Elba will no longer take General Telephone bill payments.

Payments may be mailed to GTE in the envelope provided with each bill. Payments may also be made through a bank draft plan. For details on the bank draft plan, call toll-free 1-800-762-6722.



GENERAL TELEPHONE

Brantley's Richie Powell Named 1A All-State

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 1986 All State football teams in all six classes this week and included in the Class 1A squad was Brantley standout Richie Powell.

Powell, a 6'4, 260-lb. lineman, was a mainstay in the Brantley offensive attack all season and led the Bulldogs of Coach Paul Woolley into the playoffs in each of his four years.

Following is a recap of area All State honorees:

Class 5A - (Honorable Mention) Eric Wilson, Ashton Wells and Lane Pierce, all of Andalusia
Class 4A - (1st Team) Brent Simon, Geneva; (Honorable Mention)

Siran Stacey and Heath McInnis, both of Geneva
Class 2A - (1st team) Russell Gunter, Straughn; Tim Bolin, James Cochman and Billy Ganton, all of Cottonwood; (Honorable Mention) Scooter McCain and Scott Parker, both of Cottonwood, and Mark

SUPPORT...

Elba Tiger Basketball!!!!



Enterprise State Junior College Introduces Single Parent Seminars

It isn't easy rearing children when you're alone. ESJC's FREE Single Parent Seminars help you cope, adjust, and face changes. There are six seminars beginning January 22. You can attend all or choose the ones you're specifically interested in.

To find out more about these free seminars or how to register, call 393-ESJC, extension 266.



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And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things saith the first and the last, which was dead and is alive, I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty (but thou art rich), and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; but I will give thee a crown of life.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Thinking of you, praying for you Mrs. Mary Jackson, Mrs. Susie McMillian, Mrs. Catherine Waters, Mrs. Lisa Covington, Mrs. Mary A. Magwood, Mr. Walker Goynes, Mrs. Nunie M. Kelley.

SENIOR CHAIR ANNIVERSARY
Elba Zion Baptist Church
Rev. John Grayer, pastor, Elba
January 18, 1987 - 2:30 p.m.

Themen I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
Psalm 146:2
Processional - Elba Zion Sr. Choir
Devotion - Visiting officers
Song - Elba Zion Sr. Choir
Welcome Occasion - Sis. Alzie Davis

Song Service - Each choir is asked to sing two selections
Offering - visitors
Remarks/Benediction
Sis. Annie P. Bullard, Mistress of Order

Visiting Choirs: Mulberry Male Chorus, Bethlehem Sr. Choir, Rocky Head, Springfield, Pine Grove, Harris Temple, Bethlehem Young Adult Choir, Nazareth, Poplar Spring, Oak Grove, Shady Grove A.M.E., Pleasant Shade Intermediate.

Southeast Christian Education Board Meeting - Bethel Baptist Church, Troy, Jan. 3, 1987 - 10 a.m.
Rev. L.C. McMillian, pastor; A.B. Clark, director.

Mrs. Vick E. Lindsey, Stuart, Fla., is visiting Mrs. Matie Donaldson and family, Opp, and Mr. Tillman Lindsey, Elba.

Mrs. Janice Moore Neville, Springfield, Colorado, visited Wiley and Juanita Brooks, Enterprise. Mrs. Neville was a classmate of Wiley's and Juanita's, when they were students at Alabama State University, Montgomery.

Ernest/Renee Grayer, Wiley, Juanita - DeNard Brooks, Suzette Hatten, Eddie L. Fleming, Mary Gibson, Patricia Chatmon, Tina, Demetrius and Melissa were dinner guests of Mrs. L. Brooks, Enterprise, on Christmas Day.

Bobby, Evelyn and Jason Guley and Rex Head, Elba; Robby and Gabriel Head, Luverne, and Lisa Guley were dinner guests of Mrs.

Cathryn Knight and Mrs. Bessie Owens Christmas Day.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Brooks, Elba, Rt. 2, was the place to be for Christmas Day dinner, 1986. Those enjoying the delicious meal were:

Annie Youngblood, Annie Jean Brooks, Rosezetta Baker, Alvin Brooks, Corey Baker, Ronald Baker and Darrel Baker, all of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Louis Nelson, Olen Nelson, Bobby Jean Stanford, Dorothy Head and Robert Head, all of Opp; Rev. T. Andrews, Live Oak, Fla.; Thomas Brooks, Lula, Linda, Annette, Thomas F. and Ernie Brooks, Rev. Willie Peterson, Ollie Ruth Peterson, Katonya, D'Andre and Julius, Anthony Brooks, Travis Musgrove, Maggie Head and Jeanette Brooks, all of Elba; Mary L. Warren and Vilean Warren, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

Maurice Waters, Edd Hill, Michael Scott, Derrick Hooks, Dewayne Caldwell, Edd Ware, Curtis Smith, Tyrone Smith, Roderick Caldwell, Robert Wilson, Willie Flowers, Bill Kelley, Bob Robinson, Leon Coleman, Bobby Guley, Greg, Tyrone, Curtis, Tony and Glen Kelley met on the Kelley basketball court last Sunday and Christmas Day for some basketball games. These guys can really play!

A little public scandal is good once in a while - takes the tension out of the news.
Beryl Pitzer

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Elba, and 14 in Enterprise. After leaving Enterprise in 1966, Lillie Elba began working for the Cincinnati Board of Education as a mathematics teacher, and oh yes, I have two pet dogs - Lady and Argie. "Usually when I'm in Elba, I make it my business to visit Mr. Tillman Lindsey, a dear friend of our family. He and my father traveled a lot (the late Allen Gray) and were the best of friends."

Lillie is the fourth child of the late Allen and Vela Gray.
God bless you Lillie.

At 6 a.m. Dec. 25, members from Shady Grove A.M.E. Church and Bethlehem Baptist Church met with members of Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, for the annual Christmas morning service.

Devotional - Dea Grover Belcher
Scripture - Matt. 1:18-25 - Rev. Willie Peterson
Hymn - Rev. A.R. Williams
Sermon - Rev. Freddie Flowers
Subject: The King Is Born

Those attending were:
Rev. A.R. Williams, Rev. Willie Peterson, Rev. Freddie Flowers, Tommy Brooks, C.W. Williams, J.C. Brooks, Grover Belcher, Mrs. Flowers, Catherine Waters, Porchia Jones, Rushie Culver, Betty Refegee and Eria Belcher.

Mrs. Patricia Wilson, Hempstead, Long Island, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hillie Hooks (Lowe) during the holidays.

Sgt. Preston Abbott and SRA Warren Belcher, Keesler AFB, Miss., are visiting family and friends in Elba and Dothan for the holidays.

Louis Armstrong: "I always live by this code: You can't have bread - and loaf!"
Noel Anthony

As I stand in awesome wonder
On the threshold of a new year,
Let not my heart faint or wander,
Let I grow weak in numbing fear.

I ask not to foresee the future
As I tread hopefully the new year.
Yet I let God be my teacher
So I can walk daily without fear.

O God, as I walk an untraveled road,
Through storms or bright sunshine,
Ask but strength to carry my load
As I live one day at a time.
Zona Gale - [and copied]

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Driving While
Sleppy Could Be
Fatal Mistake

BY John Perkins

If a drunk driver crashes and kills someone, chances are good he will be charged with vehicular homicide, assault or murder. We would all agree that a drunk driver is definitely an unfit driver. However, how about a fatigued or sleepy driver; even one on heavy medication? Last year in Alabama, drivers going to sleep at the wheel caused about 32 fatalities and 1,302 accidents involving numerous injuries. Additionally, there were 416 accidents involving fatigued drivers.

If a person gets behind the wheel knowing he is sleepy or unfit to drive and crashes into someone, is he not, perhaps, just as guilty as one under the influence of alcohol?

Some of things you can do to avoid going to sleep at the wheel are:

1. Avoid driving when sleepy.
2. Have a car nap.
3. Take frequent breaks.
4. Carry coffee or soft drink in a vacuum container.
5. Avoid using alcoholic beverage.
6. Avoid driving while on medication which may make you drowsy.
7. Carry a wet washcloth to wipe your face.
8. Plan long trips in segments.
9. Buy an electronic buzzer to place behind your ear if you are prone to sleep.
10. Cooler giving up your driving privileges if you have a medical disorder that causes uncontrolled sleep.
11. Radio playing may help to keep you awake, especially narration.
12. Allow some fresh air to come into the car through an open window.
13. Check your vehicle for exhaust leaks which may emit carbon monoxide.
14. A wreck involving a sleeping driver is usually severe because there is usually no attempt to brake or swerve the vehicle.
15. If you do not off and wake up on the shoulder of the road, never jerk the wheel sharply to get your vehicle back on the road as this may cause your vehicle to veer into the opposite lane. Bring it back onto the road slowly and in control.
16. As in any condition, wearing your seat belt just about doubles your chances of survival in a crash.

At a regular meeting of The Coffee County Commission, the official governing body of Coffee County, Alabama, held on Monday, December 8, 1986, at Enterprise, Alabama, there being present Commissioners Eugene Bradley, Billy Eagerton, James E. Bryan, Sidney Averett, Robert G. Stephens and Damasus Crittenden, and the said Honorable Marion B. Brunson, Judge of Probate and Chairman of said Commission presiding, and on motion being made by Billy N. Eagerton and seconded by Eugene Bradley, the following Resolution was offered:

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN RE:
THE GUARDIANSHIP ESTATE
OF PHILLIP ALLEN FUGIT,
A MINOR

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA,
ELBA DIVISION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT
Terry K. (Tugit) Patrick, as guardian
of Phillip A. Fugit, a minor, has filed
his petition in the Probate
Courtroom of the Coffee County
Courtroom at Elba.

Any person having objection to said
petition is notified to be and appear
before this court at said time and
place if you choose to do so.

ORDERED this 12th day of
December, 1986.

/s/ MARION B. BRUNSON
Probate Judge
12-18-2tc

STATE OF ALABAMA
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Smith Ave. (Hwy. 125 N.).
The property is owned by W.C.
Kelley, is 93' x 140', and is bound
by property owned by Joe Johnson
and John Barnes. The area is zoned R-1.

12-18-2tc

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
NOTICE

WHEREAS, Joseph C. Clark and
wife, Janice B. Clark, executed to
First Federal Savings & Loan
Association of the Wiregrass, an
Alabama Corporation on the 9th day
of March, 1979, a mortgage upon the
real estate hereinafter described to
secure an indebtedness described
herein, said mortgage being
recorded in the Office of Judge

Six Secrets Of A Happy Family

FAMILY TALK

Glenda Frazier
Community Resource Specialist

In 1985, Dr. Nick Stinnett and Dr. John DeFraia, who are associated with the Department of Human Development and the Family at the University of Nebraska, completed the Family Strengths Research Project. The purpose of the project was to study families who exhibited traits of strength. More than 3,000 families of diverse socioeconomic status, race, religion, education, age and both one-parent and two-parent families were included in the study. The study concluded that healthy families do have problems, but they have the ability to pull together to surmount life's challenges when they arise.

Joseph Moore Is Remembered By Vietnam Comrade

The following letter was written to the family of Joseph M. Moore, killed in action in Viet Nam on December 28, 1966. The letter was dated December 18, 1986.

The Joseph M. Moore Family Dear Family,

I am writing this letter to the 1967 address I had for Mrs. Joseph Moore, and hope it reaches you without difficulty. I wanted to take this opportunity to tell all of Joe Moore's family members that, after

the six major qualities contributing to strength and happiness are: **Commitment** - Members of strong families are dedicated to promoting each other's welfare and happiness. Their love, support, and loyalty for each other is steady and lasting through good times and bad. **Appreciation** - One of our deepest human needs is to be appreciated, especially in the face of a setback. Parents literally mold good or bad people out of their children by telling them they are good or bad. Their appreciation helps the children to grow and flourish. **Communication** - Strong families spend lots of time in conversation with each other. They exchange ideas and information easily and are more successful in

dealing with problems when they arise. Good communication doesn't just happen - strong families make it happen. **Time Together** - Quality and quantity time go hand-in-hand. The time spent together needs to be sufficient but should also be good times. No one enjoys hours of bickering. Quality relationships do not develop in a few minutes together. **Spiritual Wellness** - Strong families have a sense of greater good or power in life. This belief gives them strength and purpose. This belief that life has meaning and purpose helps members of strong families maintain their positive confident outlook on life. **Crises and Stress** - Strong families are able to view stress and crises as an opportunity to grow. They suffer crises just as other families do - they cry, get angry and are depressed. But they are not overwhelmed by crises and tragedy, partly because of their ability to see good coming out of it. They realize stress is a normal part of life.

Weak families can become strong. Strong family life demands an investment of time, energy and spirit. If you are interested in making this investment, the most important investment you can make, please call Glenda Frazier, Community Resource Specialist, Department of Human Resources, at 897-3424, or write to me at Coffee County Department of Human Resources, P. O. Box 448, Elba, AL 36323.

Thought: The times are not so bad as they seem; they couldn't be. Jay Franklin

State Of Alabama Lists Jobs Available

The Alabama State Personnel Department this week announced examinations for filling present vacancies in the following positions:

Administrative Services Officer II (\$26,416-\$40,118)

Supply Officer (\$17,394 - \$26,416)

Public Health Programs Coordinator (\$27,716 - \$42,198)

*Library Consultant (General Option) (\$27,716 - \$42,198)

Architectural Landmark and Capital Historian I (\$19,204 - \$29,094)

*Food and Beverage Manager (\$17,394 - \$26,416)

Full information and application forms may be obtained from the State Personnel Department at Montgomery or from any local office of the State Employment Service. Application should be filed by January 5, 1987.

*This position will be open until further notice.

*Applications for the position should be filed by January 20, 1987.

Humane Society To Meet Tuesday In Enterprise

The Coffee County Humane Society will meet Tuesday, January 6 at 7 p.m. in the basement of the City Hall building in Enterprise.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Hippocrates, who lived in Greece about 460-377 B.C., wrote diseases followed the changes of the seasons and that some were caused by intense heat or cold.

Mr. J.C.'s mother (Miss Bessie's paternal grandmother) was a full-blooded Cherokee Indian. Mr. Clark had an unusual job - or so it seemed to me - he worked with a Mr. Jordan at Philip Pine where he was a "turpentine dipper" and when I asked Vera to explain what that was, here is what she said:

"They'd chip the bark off pine trees and attach cups, which they'd leave for days under the cut, to catch the dripping turpentine, and my granddaddy would dip the turpentine out of the buckets and pour it into barrels and collect it. There was a turpentine still in Atmore and they'd come pick up the barrels of turpentine and turn it into resin. You could just take some of that resin and put it in your fireplace and have a good, hot fire in just seconds."

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NURSING HOME SPOTLIGHT

With Shirley Wise

Here it is - already Jan. 1, 1987, and time for a few facts about the month of January.

January, the first month of the year, is named for Janus, a Roman god. According to legend, Numa Pompilius added January and February to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar, about 700 B.C. He gave the month 30 days. In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar added a day and made January the first month.

The Norsemen named the month for Thor, their god of thunder and storms. The Anglo-Saxons called it "Wolfmonth" because wolves came into the villages in winter in search of food.

In the northern half of the world, January is usually the coldest month of the year. In the southern half of the world, January is usually the warmest month of the year.

Christian countries celebrate January 1 as New Year's Day. On January 6, the 12th day and night after Christmas, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Eastern Orthodox, and other Christian churches celebrate "Epiphany" (the coming of the Wise Men).

The snowdrop is the special flower for the month, often blooming in the snow. Some persons consider the carnation the special flower. The garnet is the January gem.

January 1, 1987, the very first day in the very first week in our brand new year - belongs to Mr. Wilbur Miles Grimes, who is our "Very Special Person" for this week.

Mr. Wilbur, just celebrated his 93rd birthday Dec. 25, having been born in the year 1894. So, a special Happy Birthday Mr. Wilbur!

His daughter, Mrs. Vera Key of New Brockton, with whom we talked, has many beautiful memories of her parents, and we are indebted to her for so kindly sharing them with us. In fact, she is an absolute wealth of information and warm, loving memories.

She describes her father as being 6'3" tall, and at one time gaining over 300 pounds and wearing a size 18½ shoe and 50 overalls. He had curly black hair, brown eyes and a thin black mustache, with a rosy-cheeked complexion.

She added, "My daddy was a good-looking fellow. He was of Indian/Irish blood."

Vera tells us that her father was born in Baldwin County, somewhere in the vicinity of Pensacola and Robertsdale, in the Whitewater Creek Community.

He was the son of Rob and Sally Boynton Grimes. An interesting fact about Miss Sally - Vera told us she was 7'2" tall.

Mr. Wilbur had one brother Rob, now deceased, who lived close to Enterprise, Fla., with his wife, Eva. At the time of his death, he was residing in Pensacola, Fla., in a nursing home.

His father died and Miss Sally married Jim Jones, and they had three children. The first, Charlie, who lives in Molina, Fla., with his wife, the former Linda Penton. Charlie also inherited Miss Sally's height, being around 7' tall himself. He is a retired prison guard and Linda is a homemaker.

Etta, now deceased, who was married to the late Aus Givens, and who was residing in Seminole, Ala. at the time of her death.

An infant brother, who died from diphtheria.

On August 3, 1923, Mr. Wilbur married Miss Bessie Louise Clark. She was born April 13, 1900, in Brantley, a community located in the Atmore-Bay Minette area, one of 13 children born to Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Clark. Mrs. Clark was the former Annie Menchev, who was of Dutch/Irish extraction.

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They had three children: Annie Mae Bird, who resides in Mattoon, Ill., with her husband Lloyd. She is the mother of 10 children. At one time she worked in a broom factory.

The father of eight of her children was Lesley Ard, now deceased. They are: Jimmy Ard, Mattoon, Ill.; Jackie Ann Lawhorne, who resided in Mount Rose, Ill., until her death; Howard Eugene "Pete" Ard, Mattoon, Ill.; Mark Ard, Gay, Ill.; Richard Ard, Mattoon, Ill.; Joyce Ann, Arizona; Dianne Bloodsworth, New Brockton; and Ricky, who died at the age of two months.

The father of the other two children was Ben Van Syoc, now deceased. They are: Willy Van Syoc, Mattoon, Ill.; and Baby Van Syoc, who was stillborn.

Wilbur Miles Grimes Jr., who is called "Jr." and who is handicapped. He resides in Mattoon, Ill., and is unmarried.

The aforementioned Vera Key who resides in New Brockton with her husband Stanley W. Miss Vera does housekeeping work and Mr. Key is a retired painter. They are the parents of three sons:

Bruce, who is married to Angie, a Georgia native. He is in the Army and stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Stanley Jr., who is married to the former Tammy Strickland of Enterprise. They make their home in Enterprise.

Samuel, who lives in New Brockton with his wife Melissa. He is the father of two children: Timothy and Angel.

The grandchildren and great-grandchildren lovingly call Mr. Wilbur "Grandpa Bill."

"Granddaddy" and "Grandpa."

Miss Vera said Mr. Wilbur was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Bay Minette.

Among some of the beautiful things she said about her father, and I quote:

"My daddy was a loving, playful man. He was a good daddy. I had a smart daddy - some of the jobs he held were with the WPA in 1932; he worked in the potato shed in Robertsdale, loading and grading potatoes before he worked for Mr. Baldwin unloading coal; he hauled sawwood - he and Mama would cord wood, saw wood and haul it. They used to pull corn. Mama took them washing and ironing. My parents worked hard."

She also shared with us, "Daddy was the one who disciplined us children - he made us mind! He sure wouldn't allow us to sass an older person and we were always taught to say 'sir' and 'ma'am' to our elders. They'd whip us, but they never failed to tell us why they did it, and then they'd always pick us up in their arms and tell us they loved us!"

"Daddy would never let us take anything that wasn't ours."

"We appreciate those whippings now!"

She recalls her daddy telling her that when he was a little boy, his parents worked for the wood camps and they lived in a box car. His mother (Sally) cooked for all the men who cut the wood, and Mr. Wilbur stood on a wooden box and washed the dishes. It was also his job to gather the firewood and water for the camp.

Vera said some of her sweetest and fondest memories of her daddy were "When I would be down and out and I'd ask Daddy to play the harp for me, a song like 'Little Red Wing,' and he'd play it and I'd feel so much better; it would lift me up so much! He'd play and play, other songs such as 'I'll Fly Away,' and 'Just Over in the Glory Land.' There was another song that Jr. would beg him to play and every time he played it, Jr. would cry. It was so sad! The name of it was 'May I Sleep in Your Arms Tonight, Mister?'"

He used to be able to talk my young'uns to sleep, and I'd go in the room and lie across the bed and before you knew it, I'd be asleep too. You know, he'd just be talking about old times and when he was a boy, about when he was working on the WPA and he'd tote an apple and an orange all day to wait and divide it with Mama when he got home."

"I remember Mama and Daddy walking as far as five miles to church, and I was just a little bitty thing, and Mama would fit me a pallet on the church floor and I'd

sleep, and after church Daddy would tell me, 'Put your feet in my pockets (of his overalls) and I'll tote you (piggy back) back home,' and he'd do it too!"

A funny story she told was the time Annie Mae and Jr. persuaded her to try smoking a cigar with them, and all three got caught and were punished accordingly - they had to smoke several cigars until they were sick and gasping for air!

Some favorites of Mr. Wilbur's are "the rose," the color "blue," "spring and fall," "Christmas," and give him some good ole blackeyed peas, hog jowls, turnip greens, collards, cornbread and milk, and sweet potato custard."

He "loved to garden - he grew collards bigger than a No. 2 wash tub, cabbage, corn, peas, onions, peppers, sweet potatoes. He liked a clean yard - didn't want a sprig of grass in it; he'd hoe it up!"

"At one time he liked to fish. He liked to listen to the Grand Ole Opry on radio. He liked good music - he played the mouth harp, and Jew's harp and the accordion."

In summation, we asked Miss Vera to describe her father, and she replied, "He was a gentle person who was free-hearted - he liked to help other people if they were in need. Every Sunday, he went to church with Mama and took us children. One time he and Mama went a whole year to church without missing a Sunday morning or night, and they were given a calendar. He was a patient man until he got mad! When he spoke, we listened! But whatever he wanted, if Daddy was able, he got it for us!"

She added, "My mama was a good, honest, hard-working Christian woman. I remember her telling me, 'Always look up - never look down!' Good advice, I never add."

We surely hope you have enjoyed meeting this interesting gentleman, Mr. Wilbur Grimes, as much as we have!

***Birthdays: Happy birthday to Maxine Barnes, whose birthday was Tuesday, Dec. 30.

***Thought for the Week: Let's listen to two profound statements made by King David: King David, upon hearing of the death of his firstborn by Bathsheba, said, "But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." II Samuel 12:23.

***As the time of King David's death approached, he gave this charge to his son Solomon: "I am going where every man on earth must some day go." I Kings, 2:1, 2

Happy New Year!

Pink or White
Florida Grapefruit
19¢ each

U.S. No. 1 All Purpose
Russet Potatoes
58¢ 7¢ lb. bag

Fresh Crisp California
Iceberg Lettuce
head
59¢

Virginia Red
Delicious Apples
5 lb. bag
\$1.49

Fresh
Crunchy Carrots
1-lb. bag
39¢

"Mix or Match"
Cool Refreshing
Super Select
Cucumbers or Large Bell Pepper
38¢ For

Juicy
California Lemons 8 For \$1

Plump Sweet California
Emperor Grapes per lb. 59¢

Sweet Juicy California
Tangerines 8 For \$1

Crunchy Red Radishes 6-oz. pkgs. 2 For 49¢

\$1.00 Off Label
Alpo Dog Food
25-lb. bag
\$6.99

Assorted
Soft-Ply Towels
jumbo rolls
\$1.29 For

60¢ Off Label
Fabric Softener
96-oz. btl.
\$2.99

Asst. Flavors
Hawaiian Punch
46-oz. can
79¢

Bakery-Deli
At Stores Where Available

Fresh
Glazed Donuts
dozen \$1.79
Angel Food Cake each \$1.69

2-Pc. Chicken
Snack Box
Includes: 2 Pieces Chicken, 1 Potato Log and 1 Roll
each \$1.69
Bryan Smoked Turkey Breast 1/2-lb. \$2.79

Caffeine Free Diet Coke, Caffeine Free Coke, Caffeine Free Tab, Diet Coke, Tab, Sprite, Mello Yello, or
Coca Cola
2-liter btl.
\$1.19

Powdered Detergent
Lemon Dash
147-oz. box
\$3.99

Assorted
Kist Drinks 3 liter btl.
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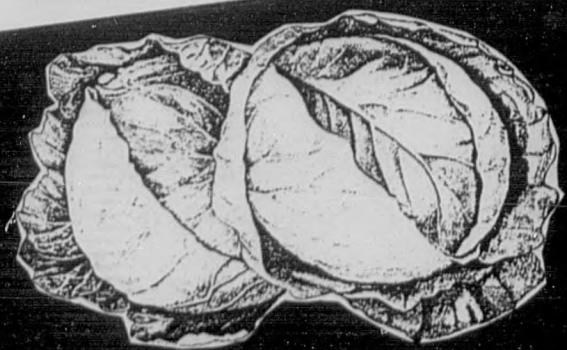
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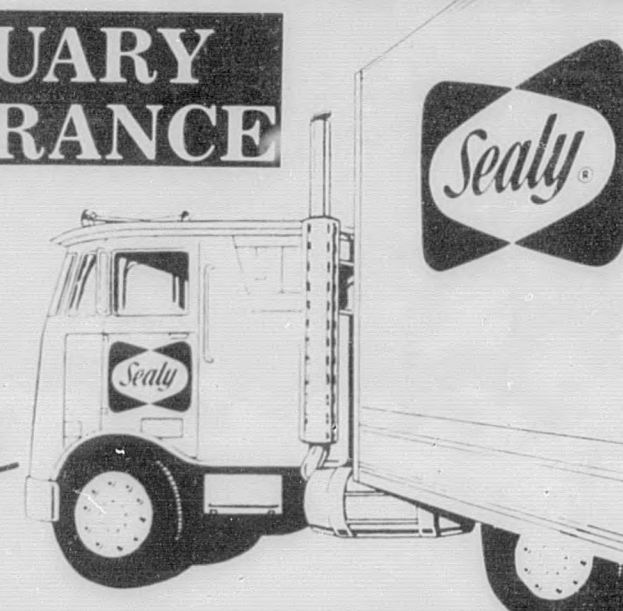
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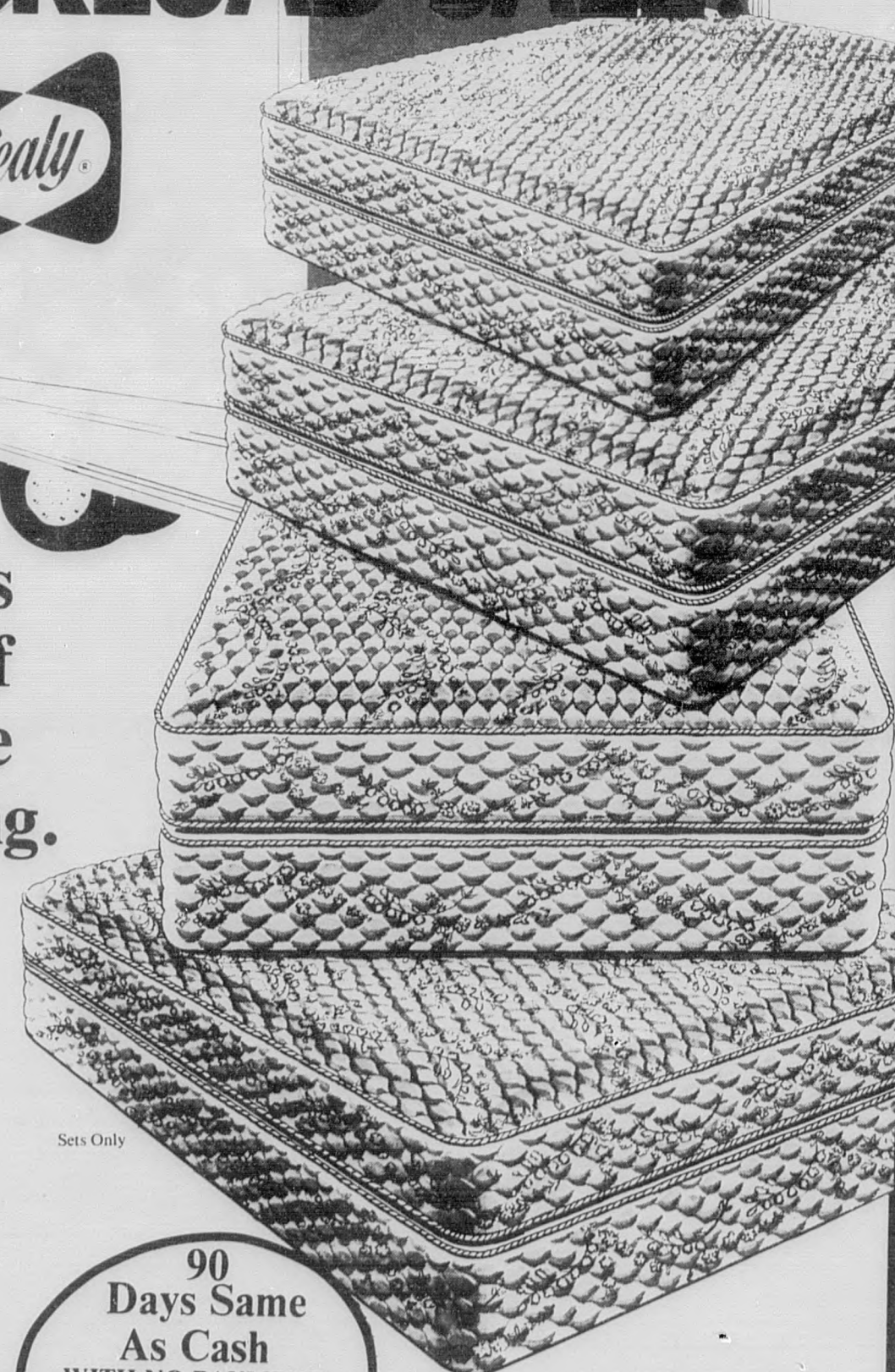
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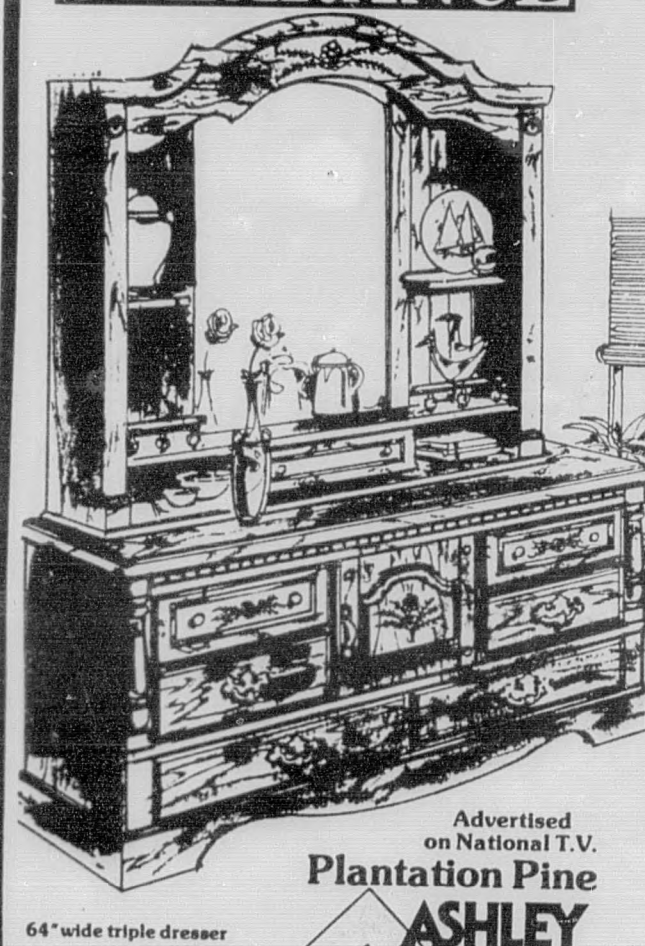
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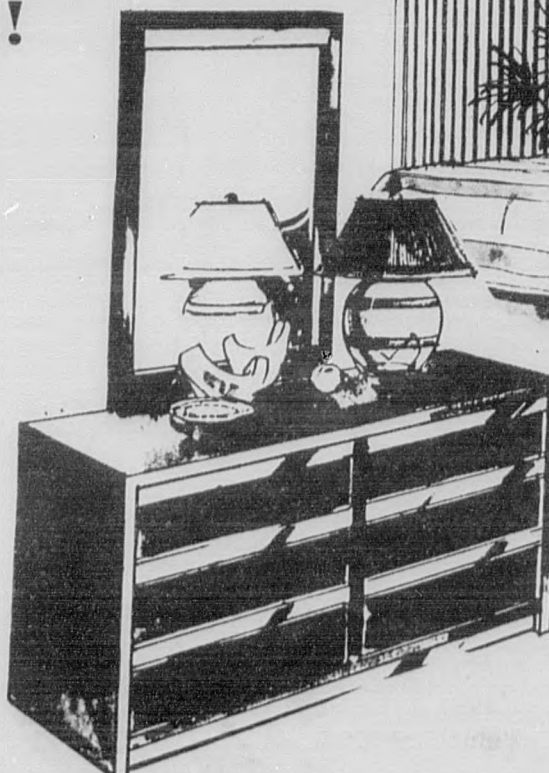
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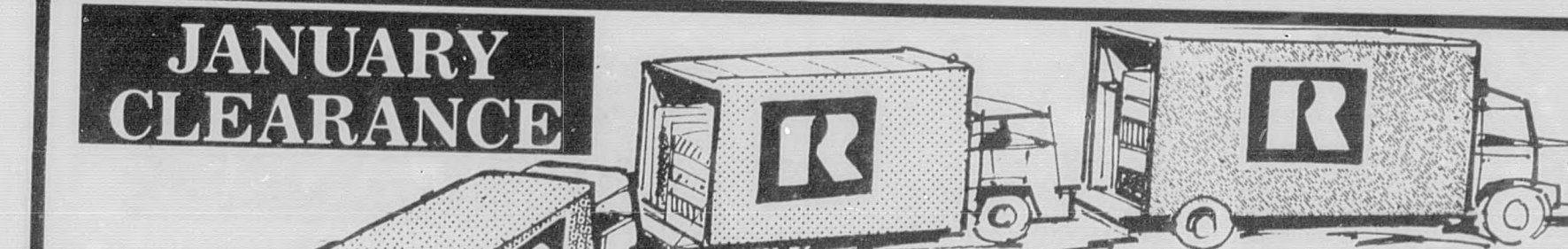
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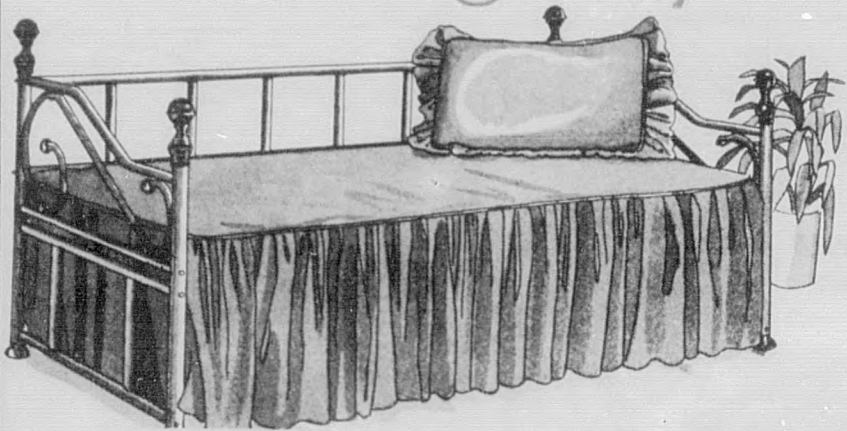


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Charming Day Bed



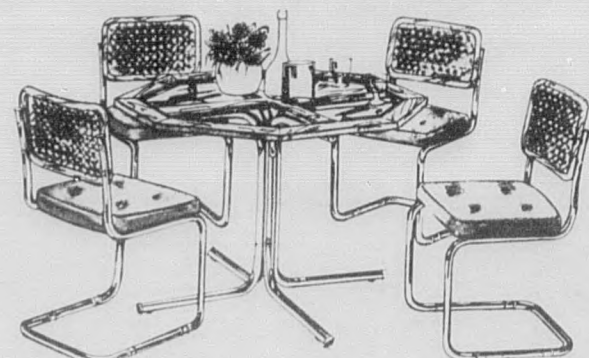
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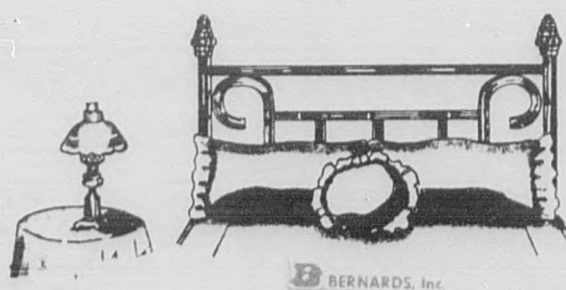
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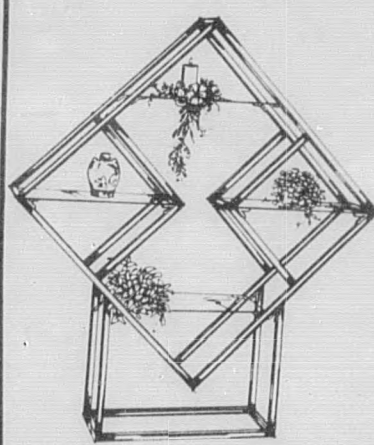


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Brass and Glass Etagere

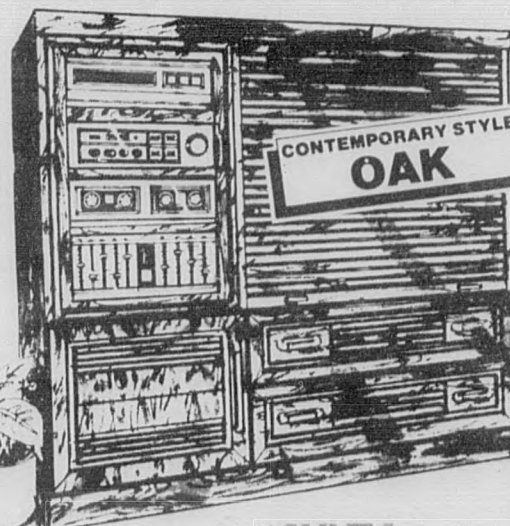
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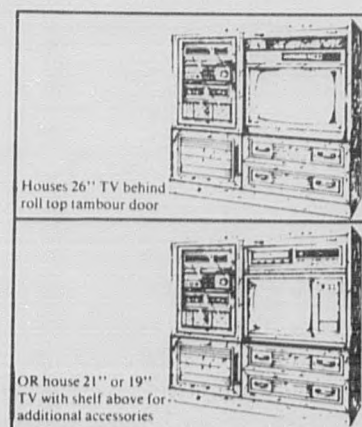
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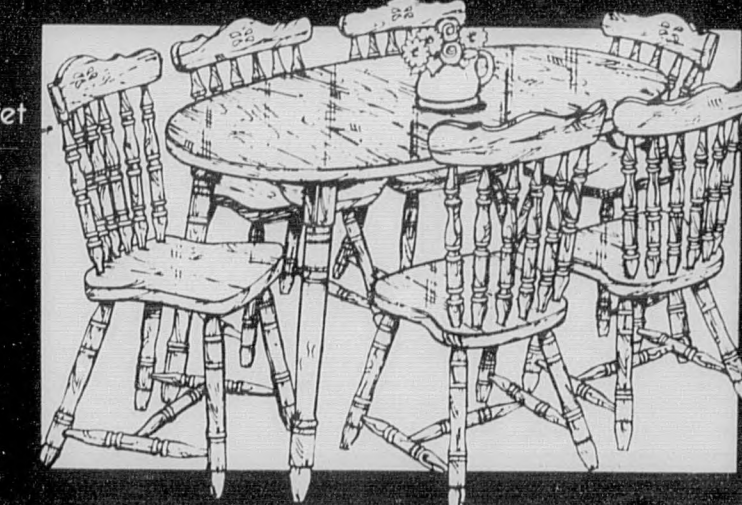
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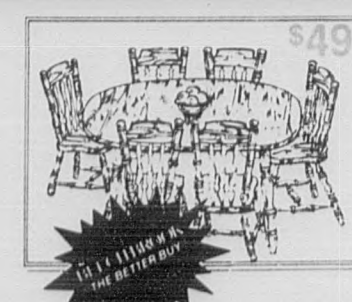
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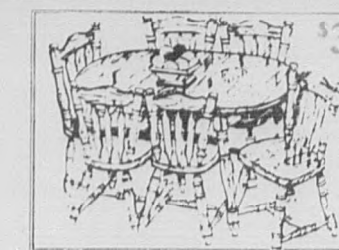
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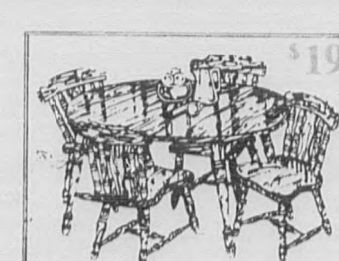
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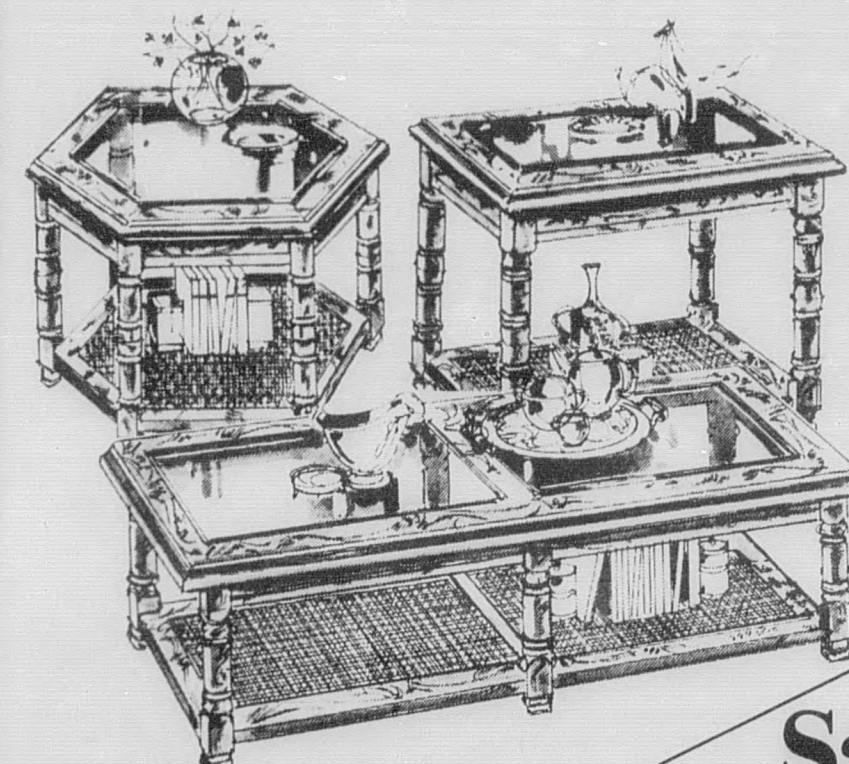
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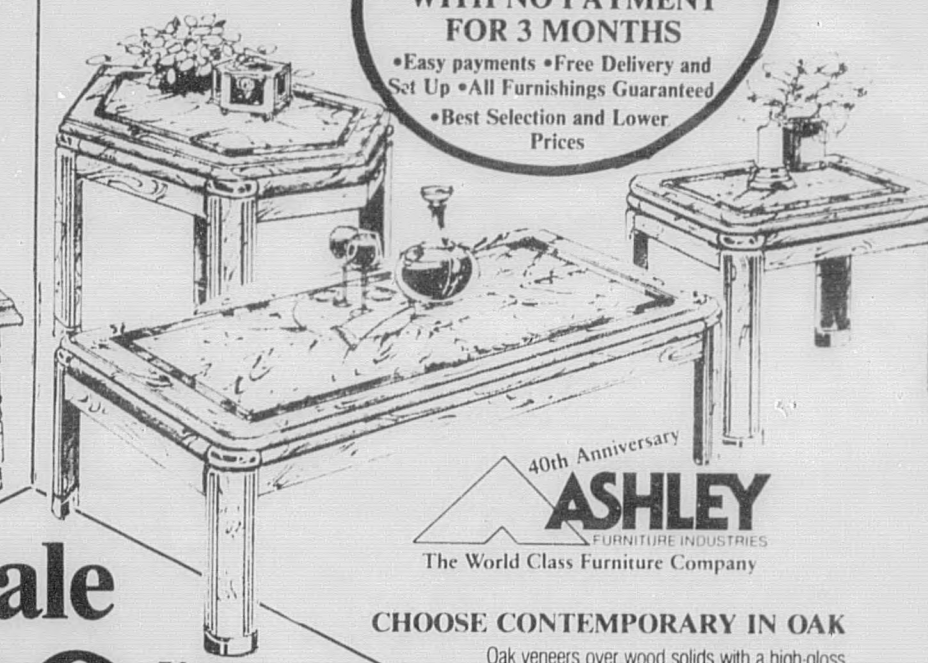
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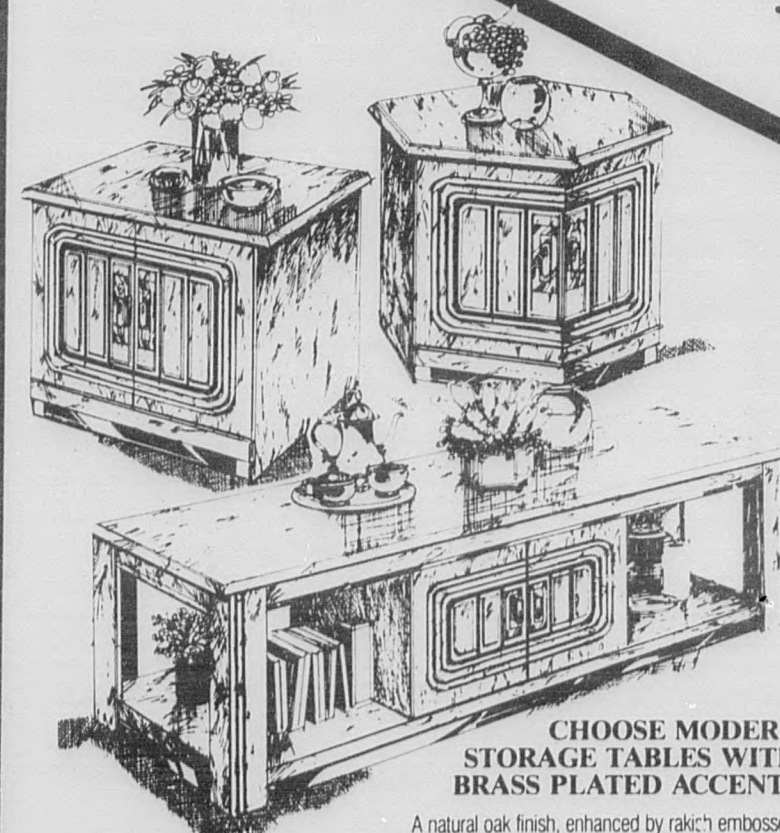


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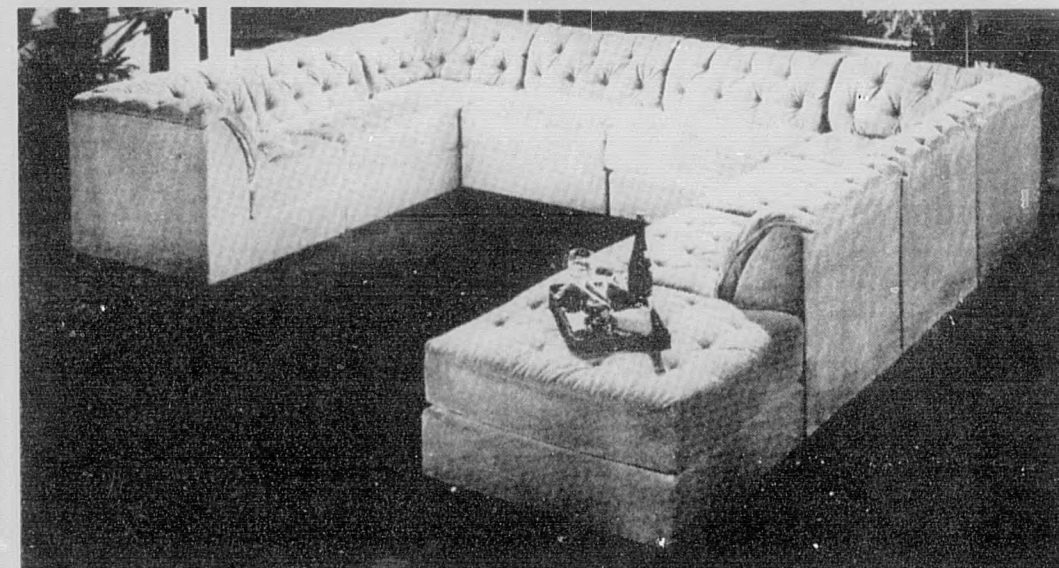
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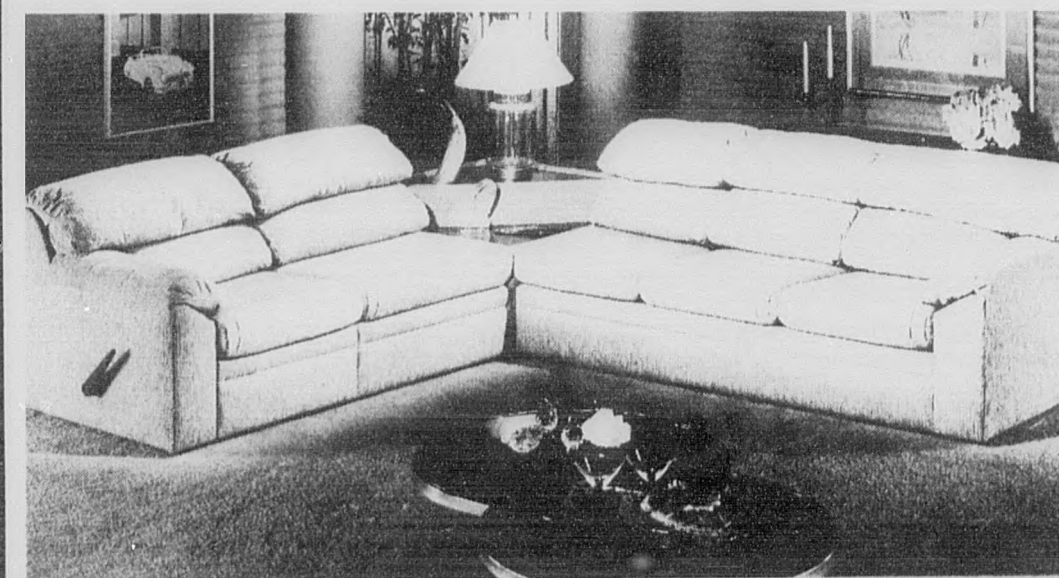
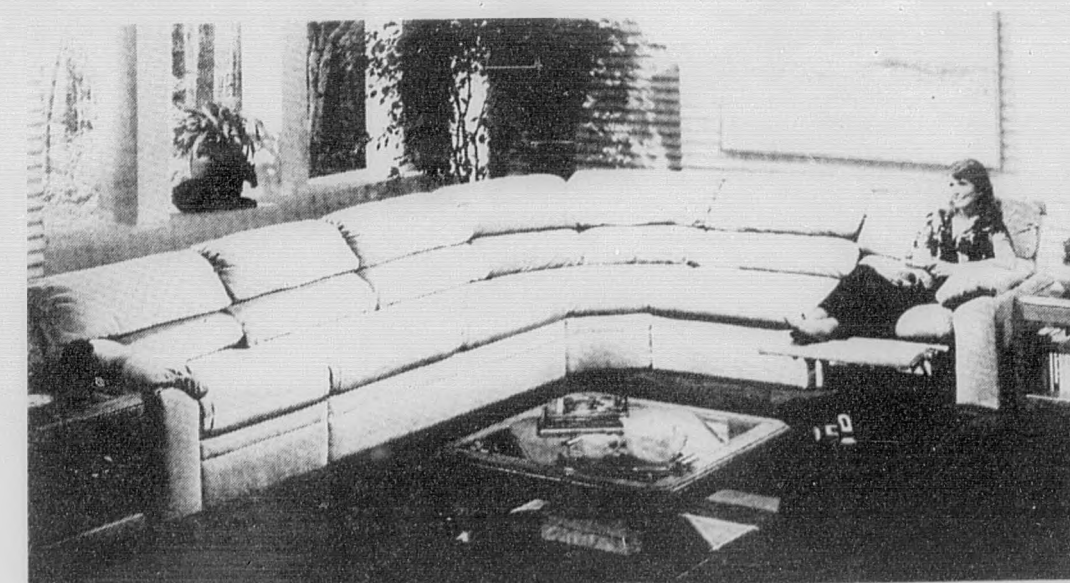


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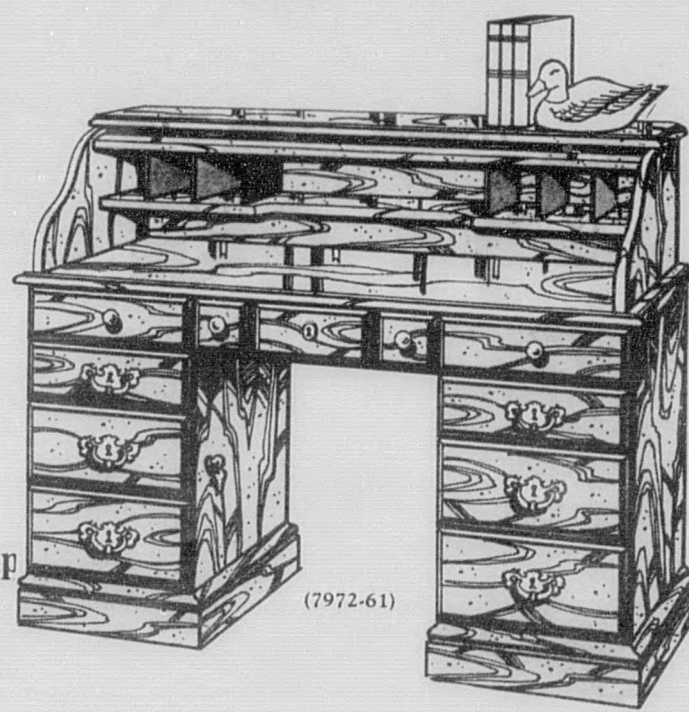


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MELVIN ARNOLD . . . is escorted from the Coffee County Courthouse by Deputy Sheriff Leslie Hussey following his initial arrest on sex charges in February, 1986. Arnold was sentenced Tuesday after pleading guilty to three of five charges.

Arnold sentenced to nine-year mandatory prison sentence for sex-related convictions

A rural Coffee County man arrested in February, 1986, on a variety of sex-related charges was sentenced to a mandatory sentence of nine years in prison this week by Circuit Judge Riley Green during a brief court appearance in Elba. Melvin Arnold, of the Jack Community, was arrested last year and charged with two counts of producing obscene matter involving a person under the age of 17 and one count each of second degree sodomy, second degree rape and first degree sexual abuse after Arnold's wife called the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. officers upon discovering a video-tape allegedly showing the accused involved in a number of sex acts with his stepdaughter and another minor. Sheriff's deputies later discovered a large number of obscene photographs apparently taken by Arnold showing one or more young females in various sexual activities.

Arnold, who was transferred to a state mental facility to determine his mental condition, changed his defense during early hearings and reportedly told authorities first that he did not know of the matter and then changed his mind, stating he removed the girls' clothing to check for red warts that were around the house.

At an Oct. 7, 1986, hearing Arnold agreed to a plea bargaining arrangement and changed his plea

from not guilty to guilty to three of the charges. In response to the change of pleas, the state dropped the charges of second degree rape and first degree sexual abuse.

At the hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 6, Judge Green told Arnold that the remaining charges of second degree sodomy and two counts of producing obscene matter involving persons under the age of 17 carried sentences ranging from one-to-ten years to life in prison. Arnold told the judge he understood the possible sentences and reaffirmed his pleas of guilty.

District Attorney Joel Folmar, in a pre-sentencing statement, told Judge Green that the state would make no recommendation concerning the sentencing and stated the state would let the evidence submitted in court serve as its recommendation.

After defense attorney Bill Stokes declined pre-sentencing arguments, Judge Green stated, "It is not a pleasant task that I must do," and then announced that Arnold would be sentenced to the maximum penalty of ten years on the charge of second degree sodomy and a term of 15 years to each charge of producing obscene matter involving persons under the age of 17.

Stokes then requested the judge allow the sentences to run concurrently; however, the judge denied the motion.

Judge Green then stated that

under the "Split-Sentence Act" he would deduct the days Arnold had been in confinement from each of the sentences, reducing one sentence to nine years and 213 days, and the other two sentences to 14 years and 213 days. Green then further changed the sentences and reduced the actual sentence in each case to three years, but made the sentences mandatory and consecutive, which means Arnold must serve a total of nine years without any chance of parole.

The remainder of the sentences were suspended upon the completion of the nine-year prison sentence; however, at the completion of the nine-year term a probationary review will be held, and if at any time during the period of the remainder of the original 40-year total sentence Arnold is convicted of similar offenses he will be returned to prison to serve out the remainder of the

complete sentence. Stokes requested Judge Green reduce the sentence to probation and stated that since October Arnold had been living in Florida with relatives and added that the defendant suffered from a serious disability that prevented him from acquiring gainful employment.

"Melvin Arnold can live out his probation in Florida," stated Stokes, "and live a constructive life in Florida with his relatives, but I feel Melvin Arnold is entitled to a second chance."

Judge Green again denied Stokes' motion and ordered Deputy Sheriff Tom Weeks to escort Arnold from the courtroom. Arnold sobbed and grasped his chest following the final sentencing, and as he left the courtroom was crying, "I didn't do it," a final statement prior to his nine-year confinement.

Elba council gives hazard pay to city policemen

The Elba City Council met Dec. 29, 1986, in the final regular meeting of 1986. A short special meeting was held Wednesday, Dec. 31, to finish some continued business from the regular meeting.

The sale of Dorsey Trailers to a private group of investors led lawyers to request a resolution from the city council formally abandoning portions of several streets and alleys that have long been unused. In fact, parts of the described streets are under existing Dorsey facilities.

The streets included in the action are a portion of Dunham Street, Collins Avenue and an abandoned portion of an alley near the old railroad bed, which is now owned by Dorsey Trailers.

The resolution was presented by Attorney Robert Cannon and the council tabbed any action until the legality of the action could be checked with the League of Municipalities the following day.

Following this action the council met in special session Wednesday and formally approved the action. They checked the legality and the fact that none of the streets and alleys are being used by the public in any way at this time. The action was approved unanimously.

In other action at the Monday

meeting the council approved hazard pay for police officers, discussed hunting in city limits, and abandoned cars parked on city streets.

Elba police officers will receive an additional \$25 a month as hazard pay as of January 1. An officer must work a full 120 hours a month to receive this pay, and it will be paid in a separate check at the end of the month, according to Mayor Bob English.

Councilman John W. Sharpless opposed the motion, saying he favored the pay increase but was opposed to calling it hazardous duty pay. English explained that unless it was a hazardous duty pay, it would be hard to explain to other employees why it was not an across-the-board raise for everyone.

Ricky Haywood appeared before the council to protest hunters discharging firearms near his home. It was pointed out during the discussion that there is a city ordinance against such actions; however, there is no law against carrying a hunting weapon within the city limits, and Police Chief John White explained it would be hard to

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Wet/Dry election challenge in Elba is dismissed

The efforts of a group of Elba residents to have the results of the city's recent wet/dry election declared null and void due to voting irregularities came to an end last week when Circuit Judge Sam Adams granted the city's request to dismiss the challenge.

A hearing was held on Dec. 22 after the city filed a motion to dismiss the election challenge and Judge Adams took the case under study; however, on Dec. 29 Adams announced he had reviewed the case at length and granted the city's motion for dismissal.

A wet/dry referendum election was held in Elba on Nov. 4 as a part of the state's general election and the voters of Elba chose to remain dry by a narrow margin. Following the election a number of Elba residents filed a challenge to the election claiming that misconduct,

fraud or corruption had occurred and called for the vote to be set aside and

Decision to be appealed

Elba attorney Bill Stokes announced this week that he would file an appeal to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals in an attempt to have a recent ruling by Circuit Judge Sam Adams overturned concerning the challenge to the City of Elba's recent election on the controversial wet/dry issue.

Judge Adams ruled on Dec. 28 (see related article) in favor of the city's motion to have the challenge dismissed, stating the law failed to provide for challenges in any election not concerning the election of

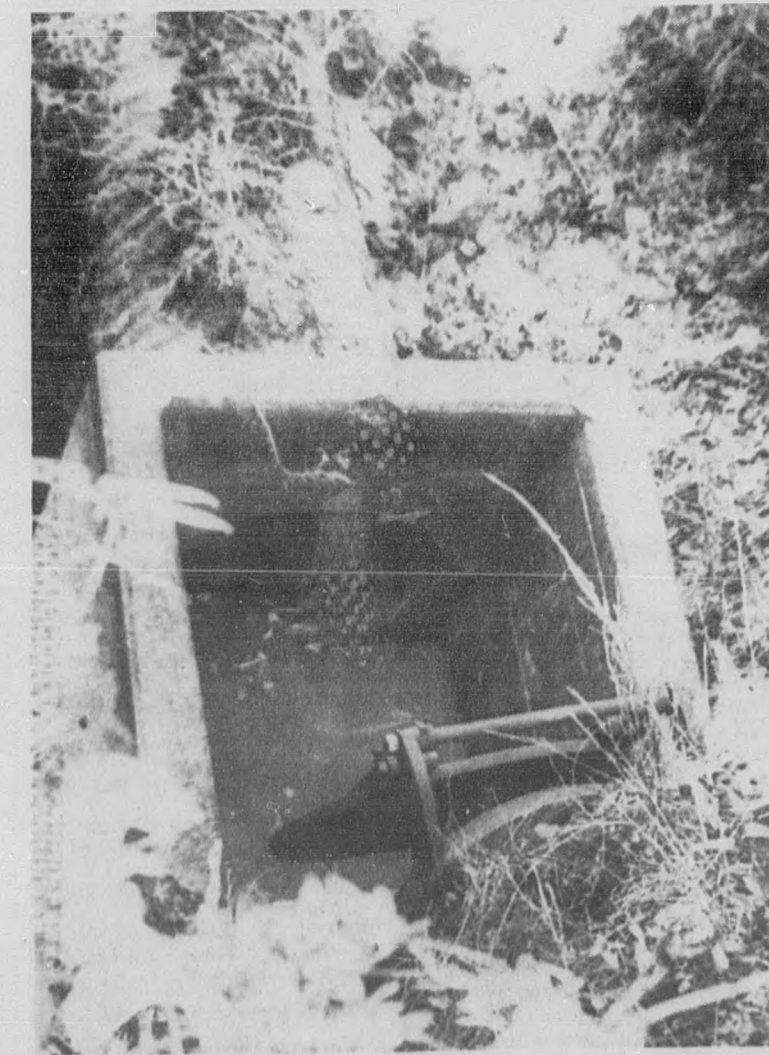
declared null and void.

In his ruling, Judge Adams

controlling the vote was found in the Code of Alabama, nowhere in the code section did it provide for election challenges. The judge stated that the election contest was not found in the common law since it had been statutorily created.

In the ruling, Adams wrote "Elections belonging to the political branch of government, and, in the absence of special constitutional or statutory provisions, are beyond the control of judicial power." Adams ruled that the challenge asked the court to apply the election challenge found at Code 1975, Section 17-15-1 et seq.; however, the judge stated the provisions listed only applied to the election of persons. He further stated that the plaintiffs' allegations were without merit and granted the motion for dismissal.

Stokes reported the appeal would be filed within the 30-day deadline and would be heard by a three-judge review panel.



This concrete culvert, which houses a flapper valve to control excess water, sits near the bottom of the levee after falling approximately 15 feet due to erosion following heavy fall rains. Officials report the erosion poses a serious threat to the levee, located at the Beaverdam Creek Bridge on the Kinston Highway.

Erosion problem provides threat to levee

Officials from the Corps of Engineers were in Elba on Tuesday, Jan. 6, to inspect a portion of the levee surrounding the city, and following the inspection stated the problem of erosion at one flood gate had progressed to such a severe state that the levee itself was now threatened.

City work crews discovered erosion damage to a gate located near the Kinston Highway at the Beaverdam Creek Bridge in November, 1986, following a period of heavy rain, and contacted the Corps concerning possible danger to the structure. The Corps sent inspectors to the site for a primary look and this week a large group of officials returned to the site to check on the erosion and document the actual damage to the levee.

A Corps of Engineers spokesman stated following the inspection that the leaching around the culvert at the levee had led to a major erosion problem and the erosion had progressed toward the levee itself. The problem gradually led to the concrete culvert at the levee dropping approximately 15 feet to ground level and resulted in a concrete pipe breaking, which caused the flapper valve which controlled the flow of water to become inoperative. The spokesman added that in the case of heavy rains high water would have free access to the area inside the levee.

The city and the Corps of Engineers will repair the damage to the gate and the levee in a joint effort to insure the continued integrity of



OFFICIALS DISCUSS LEVEE PROBLEM . . . Officials from the Corps of Engineers and City of Elba met atop the levee Tuesday morning to discuss severe structural damage caused by heavy rains in November. The Corps and city will combine manpower to correct the problem, which is expected to preserve the integrity of the structure, which protects Elba from floodwaters.

the structure. Corps of Engineers officials stated the work on the levee would begin as soon as a project cost

estimate and time schedule could be finalized and the project was approved by the regional office in Atlanta.

The city is expected to begin removing trees and plant growth as soon as possible.